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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 11<sup>87</sup> (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR  
MOHAMAD TODAY ADVISED THE TWO GROUPS INVOLVED IN SARAWAK'S POLITICAL  
CRISIS TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE STATE'S STABILITY AND SECURITY IN ANY  
ACTION THEY TAKE.

THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE THIS ADVICE WHEN RECEIVING A DELEGATION  
REPRESENTING THE GROUP OF ASSEMBLYMEN DEMANDING THE RESIGNATION OF  
CHIEF MINISTER DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD. THE GROUP,  
CALLING ITSELF +BERSATU+, CLAIMS TO COMPRISE 28 MEMBERS OF THE  
48-SEAT ASSEMBLY.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRESS SECRETARY, ENCIK JALALUDDIN  
BAHAUDDIN, TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE MEETING THAT DATUK SERI DR  
MAHATHIR ALSO ADVISED THOSE INVOLVED IN THE DISPUTE TO RESOLVE THE  
MATTER IN A DEMOCRATIC WAY AND IN LINE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
STATE CONSTITUTION.

THE DELGATION WAS HEADED BY PARTI BANSIA DAYAK SARAWAK (PBDS)  
DEPUTY PRESIDENT DATUK DANIEL TAJEM, WHO IS ALSO DEPUTY CHIEF  
MINISTER AND STATE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT.

THE MEETING LASTED ABOUT ONE-AND-A-HALF HOURS.

ASKED WHETHER THE DELEGATION HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE  
DISSOLUTION OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, ENCIK JALALUDDIN SAID THAT AS FAR  
AS HE KNEW, THE MATTER WAS NOT TOUCHED UPON. -- MORE  
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THE ASSEMBLYMEN EXPLAINED TO THE PRIME MINISTER WHY THEIR GROUP  
DID NOT SUPPORT DATUK PATINGGI TAIB'S LEADERSHIP.

PARTI PESAKA BUMIPUTERA BERSATU (PBB) WANITA CHIEF DATUK HAJAH  
HAFSAH HARUN SAID TO HAVE RESIGNED AS STATE CULTURE, YOUTH AND  
SPORTS MINISTER WAS AMONG THE DELEGATION OF ABOUT 11 PEOPLE.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, SHE  
DESCRIBED IT AS +POSITIVE.+

ASKED WHETHER THE GROUP WAS PREPARED TO FACE A STATE ELECTION IF  
THE STATE ASSEMBLY WAS DISSOLVED, SHE SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO  
FACE THIS.

YESTERDAY DATUK PATINGGI TAIB LED A DELEGATION TO SEE DATUK SERI  
DR MAHATHIR AT HIS RESIDENCE HERE. -- BERNAMA  
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