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MAHATHIR-SARAWAK R R R R R  
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KOTA BAHARU, MARCH 12 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED PARTIES INVOLVED IN THE LEADERSHIP CRISIS IN SARAWAK NOT TO ACT OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LAW.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE KELANTAN UMNO BUILDING HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THEY SHOULD RESPECT THE LAW IN THEIR EFFORTS TO OVERCOME THEIR PROBLEMS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, SAID HE WAS MONITORING THE DEVELOPMENTS IN SARAWAK.

A GROUP OF SARAWAK STATE ASSEMBLYMEN HAS GIVEN AN ULTIMATUM TO CHIEF MINISTER DATUK PATINGGI TAIB MAHMUD TO +RESIGN HONOURABLY OR FACE A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE.+ THE CHIEF MINISTER INSTEAD CALLED FOR A STATE ELECTION +TO LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.+

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE COULD NOT MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE SARAWAK POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS +STILL CLOUDY.+ -- MORE

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ASKED WHETHER THE PARTI BANS DAYAK SARAWAK (PBDS), LED BY FEDERAL MINISTER OF ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS DATUK LEO MOGGIE, WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTEST UNDER ITS OWN BANNER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO FIRST SEEK THE VIEWS OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES

HE WAS ALSO NOT SURE WHEN THE BARISAN NASIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL WOULD MEET TO DISCUSS THE MATTER.

ON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SARAWAK STATE ASSEMBLY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: +FROM THE LEGAL ASPECT, IT CAN BE DONE.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID DATUK PATINGGI TAIB MAHMUD STILL ENJOYED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE BECAUSE THE +VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN HIM+ WAS MOVED IN KUALA LUMPUR. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID DATUK PATINGGI TAIB TOLD HIM DURING THEIR MEETING TUESDAY THAT HE (DATUK PATINGGI TAIB) STILL HAD THE SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE AND WAS LETTING THE PEOPLE DECIDE ON HIS POSITION.

+I BELIEVE THE LEADERS WHO ARE INVOLVED SHOULD ADHERE TO THE LAWS AND NOT DO ANYTHING BEYOND WHAT IS CIRCUMSCRIBED BY LAW,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA

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