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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 17 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CONGRATULATED THE SARAWAK BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD FOR WINNING THE STATE ELECTION.

+THE VICTORY PROVES THAT THE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO HAVE SUPPORT FOR AND CONFIDENCE IN THE BN TO BRING ABOUT PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT,+ HE SAID.

+I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE BN IN SARAWAK WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO DEVELOP, UNITE AND BRING PROSPERITY TO THE PEOPLE OF SARAWAK,+ HE SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS BN CHAIRMAN, ALSO THANKED ALL BN MEMBERS WHO HAD WORKED HARD IN ENSURING THE VICTORY.

+FOR THE PEOPLE OF SARAWAK WHO HAVE PLACED THEIR CONFIDENCE IN THE BN ONCE AGAIN, I THANK THEM,+ HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, IN KOTA BAHARU, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR DESCRIBED THE BN VICTORY AS OVERWHELMING AS DATUK PATINGGI TAIB AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD HAD TO FACE MANY CHALLENGES. -- MORE

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SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A MEETING WITH KELANTAN UMNO DELEGATES AT THE MENTERI BESAR'S RESIDENCE, HE SAID HE HOPED THOSE WHO HAD LOST WOULD NO LONGER RESORT TO ACTS WHICH WOULD AFFECT SARAWAK.

ON THE POSITION OF PARTI BANSU DAYAK SARAWAK (PBDS) IN THE STATE BN, HE SAID IT WAS LEFT TO DATUK PATINGGI TAIB AS +IT IS A STATE MATTER.+

ON THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, HOPED THE ELECTION FOR TOP PARTY POSTS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY.

HE URGED DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ENSURE THERE WAS NO UNTOWARD INCIDENT.

HE SAID PREPARATIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY. -- MORE

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AT THE CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WHICH LASTED MORE THAN TWO-AND-A-HALF HOURS, IT WAS LEARNT THAT THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED SEVERAL ISSUES BROUGHT UP DURING THE CAMPAIGN FOR TOP PARTY POSTS, INCLUDING THE ECONOMIC RECESSION.

PRESENT WERE INFORMATION MINISTER TENGGU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN, PUBLIC ENTERPRISES MINISTER DATIN PADUKA RAFIDAH AZIZ, EDUCATION MINISTER ANWAR IBRAHIM, KELANTAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI MOHAMED YAACOB, KEDAH MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI OSMAN AROFF AND NEGERI SEMBILAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK MOHAMED ISA ABDUL SAMAD.

MELAKA CHIEF MINISTER DATUK SERI ABDUL RAHIM THAMBY CHIK, DEPUTY LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER KASSIM AHMAD, DEPUTY MINISTERS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DR SITI ZAHARAH SULAIMAN AND DATUK DR YUSOF NOOR, INFORMATION MINISTRY PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY DATUK HAJI DUSUKI AHMAD AND MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR KOK LANAS DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD WERE ALSO PRESENT. -- BERNAMA

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