

# PM: LOSERS MUSTN'T HIT BACK AT STATE

KOTA BARU, Fri. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told losers in the Sarawak State election not to try and take actions which could harm the State.

"I hope the losers will not try again to take whatever actions harmful to Sarawak," he told reporters after meeting Kelantan Umno delegates at the Mentri Besar's residence here today.

The Barisan Nasional chairman and Umno president described the election results as "a brilliant victory for the Barisan" in view of the numerous predictions against Sarawak Chief Minister Datuk Patinggi Taib Mahmud and

his friends (being returned to power).

Congratulating the winners, Dr Mahathir said he was proud of their success.

Asked whether the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), which had aligned itself with the opposition party Permas, would be allowed to have any part now in the State Government, the Prime Minister said it was a State matter (and up to the Sarawak Barisan Nasional to decide).

In a statement issued in Kuala Lumpur, Dr Mahathir said the victory proved that the people continued to have support for and confidence in the

Barisan to bring about progress and development.

"I am confident that the Barisan in Sarawak will continue its efforts to develop, unite and bring prosperity to the people of Sarawak.

"For the people of Sarawak who have placed their confidence in the Barisan once again, I thank them," he said.

In Penang, Tunku Abdul Rahman sent a telegram today to Datuk Patinggi Taib congratulating him on the Sarawak Barisan Nasional's victory.

The Tunku said in his telegram that with the victory, Datuk Patinggi Taib could now continue as the Chief Minister to bring

progress to the State.

MIC president Datuk S. Samy Vellu said the victory proved that the people in the State believed that only the Barisan Government was able to bring progress, peace and harmony.

Parti Berşatu Sabah (PBS) vice-president Kasiyah Gadam said Barisan's success reflected the confidence of the people in Dr Mahathir's leadership which had brought about great development in the State.

He told *Bernama* that it was not surprising that the PBDS won 15 of the 21 seats it contested as the majority of voters in those areas were Dayaks.