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KUCHING, SEPT 15¹⁹⁰ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WILL VISIT SARAWAK FOR TWO DAYS BEGINNING OCT 5. DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, WILL HOLD A DIALOGUE WITH LEADERS OF THE BN THREE PARTIES IN THE STATE -- PARTI PESAKA BUMIPUTERA BERSATU (PBB), SARAWAK UNITED PEOPLE'S PARTY (SUPP) AND SARAWAK NATIONAL PARTY (SNAP), BN THREE SECRETARY-GENERAL DATUK AMAR LEONARD LINGGI JUGAH SAID TODAY.

THE OTHER BN COMPONENT AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL, PARTI BANSAL DAYAK SARAWAK (PBDS), OPERATES AS AN OPPOSITION PARTY IN THE STATE.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ALSO VISIT THE RURAL CONSTITUENCY OF BETONG, AND OPEN A NEW MULTI-MILLION RINGGIT STATE MOSQUE IN PETRA JAYA HERE, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER A BN THREE ELECTION CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING AT THE PBB HEADQUARTERS HERE.

DATUK AMAR LINGGI SAID THE BN THREE HAD ALMOST COMPLETED THE ALLOCATION OF THE PARLIAMENTARY SEATS TO BE CONTESTED IN SARAWAK IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION. SARAWAK, LIKE SABAH, HOLDS STATE ELECTIONS SEPARATE FROM THE GENERAL ELECTION. -- MORE
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HE ALSO SAID THAT THE BN THREE ELECTION MACHINERY WAS READY FOR THE ELECTION, ADDING THAT THE PARTIES WERE CONFIDENT OF RETAINING THE SEATS WON IN THE 1986 ELECTION.

IN 1986, PBB WON NINE SEATS, THE SUPP AND SNAP FOUR EACH, THE PBDS SIX AND THE DAP ONE. IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, SARAWAK WILL HAVE THREE NEW PARLIAMENTARY SEATS, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 27.

THE THREE-HOUR MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY CHIEF MINISTER AND BN THREE CHAIRMAN TAN SRI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD. -- BERNAMA
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