

BN COUNCIL MEETS SOON TO DISCUSS POLLS LIST

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KUALA TERENGGANU, Tues. — The Barisan National Supreme Council will meet in the next few days to discuss the coalition's candidates for the general election.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that he had received the candidates list from the compo-

nent parties and planned to hold the Barisan meeting before the Umno Supreme Council meeting scheduled for Monday.

"The main item on the agenda at the Barisan meeting will be the general election. We also want to thrash out any problems or shortcomings that we may have.

"But the final decision

on candidates and seats will be done later. We will go through the lists, however. Even the Umno candidates will be finalised later — after I have met the Mentris Besar, state liaison committees and relevant sections.

The Prime Minister was speaking to reporters after opening a seminar for petty traders and hawk-

ers.

The Barisan chairman said he had already gone through the candidates lists of the MCA and MIC.

To a question, Dr Mahathir said the Barisan had not settled the problems between its parties in Sabah and Sarawak.

"We are having some problems there because the Barisan parties are

split. The question of parties using their own symbols has also not been resolved.

"It appears that the parties there are not keen to use the Barisan symbol. This is because there is a possibility that they may contest each other in all seats," he added.

To another question, Dr Mahathir said it was "nor-

mal" for Semangat 46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah to deny now that he had mentioned a plot to destroy PAS.

"I only want to ask Tengku Razaleigh one question. Did he mention this or not? That is all. He does not have to answer to anyone but only to himself. God is the witness to our actions."