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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 4 (BERNAMA) -- PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS) AND USNO WILL USE DIFFERENT SYMBOLS IN THE GENERAL ELECTION, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

PBS WILL USE ITS PARTY SYMBOL WHILE USNO WILL USE THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) SYMBOL.

THE AGREEMENT WAS REACHED DURING TALKS BETWEEN THE PRIME MINISTER, PBS PRESIDENT, DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN AND USNO PRESIDENT, TUN DATUK MUSTAPHA DATU HARUN HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE TWO PARTIES ALSO AGREED TO MAINTAIN THE NUMBER OF SEATS GIVEN TO THEM IN THE 1986 ELECTION, THAT IS, 14 FOR PBS AND SIX FOR USNO.

+THE TWO PARTIES ALSO CONSENTED TO COOPERATE TO HELP BN CANDIDATES TO WIN THEIR SEATS THOUGH THEY WOULD BE USING DIFFERENT SYMBOLS,+ HE ADDED.

FOLLOWING THE AGREEMENT, THE SCHEDULED TALKS BETWEEN THE PBS AND USNO IN KOTA KINABALU TOMORROW HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

USNO WOULD CONTEST THE MARUDU, LIMBAWANG, SEMPORNA, PAPAR, KINABATANGAN AND SILAM SEATS.

PBS WOULD BE CONTESTING IN THE CONSTITUENCIES OF BANDAU, KOTA BELUD, TUARAN, KINABALU, JAMBONGAN, SANDAKAN, KENINGAU, PENAMPANG, GAYA, TANJUNG ARU, KIMANIS, PADAS, PENSIANGAN AND TAWAU. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE FOUR BN COMPONENT PARTIES IN SARAWAK -- THE PBDS, SUPP, SNAP AND PBB -- HAD AGREED TO USE THE BN SYMBOL.

FOUR OF THE 27 SEATS IN SARAWAK, THAT IS, AN ADDITION OF THREE SEATS COMPARED WITH THE LAST ELECTION, WOULD BE ALLOCATED TO THE PBDS WHILE THE REST WOULD BE SHARED AMONG SUPP, SNAP AND PBB.

HE SAID THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY WOULD BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT.

HE ADDED THAT THE THREE SEATS ALLOCATED TO THE PPP WHICH WOULD NOT BE CONTESTING WOULD BE SHARED AMONG UMNO, MCA AND GERAKAN.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE BELIEVED THAT PULAU PINANG CHIEF MINISTER, DR LIM CHONG EU, WOULD BE CONTESTING IN THE ELECTION.

+IF HE WINS, I BELIEVE HE WOULD REMAIN AS CHIEF MINISTER,+ HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA  
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