

# BN leaders agree on 1986 seats formula

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs.** — Barisan Nasional leaders have agreed to the 1986 formula on the allocation of parliamentary and State seats for the general election.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who announced this today said, however, there were some adjustments in the allocation for Barisan Nasional parties in Sabah and Sarawak where State Assembly elections will not be held.

In Sabah, Usno was allocated six parliamentary seats while its rival Parti Bersatu Sabah will contest in 14 constituencies. Usno will use the BN symbol while the PBS will use its own symbol.

The two parties agreed to the arrangement at a meeting chaired by Dr Mahathir and attended by Usno president Tun Datu Mustapha Datu Harun and PBS president Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Also present was Barisan secretary-general and Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Ghafar Baba.

Dr Mahathir had earlier chaired a two-hour meeting of Barisan leaders to discuss the Barisan manifesto, allocation of seats and the dissolution of Parliament.

He said it was also agreed that both parties, which were rivals at State-level, would support each other's candidates in the allotted parliamentary constituencies.

For the component

parties in Sarawak, Dr Mahathir said, Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) had been allotted four parliamentary seats while the Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu (PBB), Sarawak United Peoples Party (SUPP) and Sarawak National Party (SNAP) would share the remaining 23 constituencies.

Dr Mahathir said there was not much change in the allocation of seats among Umno, MCA, Gerakan, MIC and the PPP in Peninsular Malaysia.

He said the changes would be the move to distribute the three State seats which were allotted to the PPP in the 1986 general election to Umno, MCA and Gerakan.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said the party would contest in 32 parliamentary and 70 State seats.

He said the allocation was the same as in the 1986 general election except for the extra State seat which was taken from the PPP and given to the party today.

MIC secretary-general Datuk G. Vadiveloo, said the party had been allotted six parliamentary and 17 State seats, a similar allocation as in the 1986 polls.

Gerakan deputy president Kerk Choo Ting declined to speak to newsmen when approached for details of the party's allocation.

PPP president Datuk Mak Hon Kam quipped that the "party had too many seats to count" when asked the number of parliamentary and State seats it would contest.