

Pairin: I did not try to stop Dr Mahathir's Sabah trip

SANDAKAN, Wed. — Parti Bersatu Sabah president Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan denied trying to stop Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad from coming to Sabah without valid reasons last Saturday.

But he admitted advising the Prime Minister "that his visit may create confu-

sion since the PBS is competing in testing under its own symbol and Usno under the Barisan Nasional symbol," Datuk Seri Pairin said.

He said his request to see the Prime Minister's speech was for his (Prime Minister) own good as well as for the Barisan Nasional.

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Pairin said he was speaking in terms of the people's wishes and hopes so that after consideration, the Prime Minister can make some good announcement while here."

He was speaking at a political gathering at the community centre here last night.