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KUALA PERLIS, OCT 19 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID UMNO SPREAD ITS WINGS TO SABAH TO CAPTURE THE STATE FROM THE OPPOSITION.

HE SAID IF SABAH WAS RETURNED TO THE RULING PARTY, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD BE GOOD AND THIS WOULD BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE KUALA PERLIS LPN COMPLEX HERE, HE SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL WOULD ALSO HELP ANYONE WHO OPPOSED THE PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS) IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE BN WOULD NOT TAKE BACK PARTY MEMBERS WHO CONTESTED AS INDEPENDENTS AFTER THEY HAD BEEN DROPPED BY THE BN.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO WELCOMED THE CALL BY MALAY INTELLECTUALS FOR UMNO AND PAS TO COOPERATE AGAIN BUT SAID THAT UNTIL NOW HE HAD YET TO RECEIVE ANY TELEGRAM ON THE MATTER FROM THE INTELLECTUALS. -- MORE

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WHEN OPENING THE \$12.2 MILLION COMPLEX, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE BN DID NOT WANT TO MAKE EMPTY PROMISES TO THE PEOPLE JUST FOR THE SAKE OF FISHING FOR VOTES.

HE SAID THE VARIOUS FORMS OF TAXES WERE NECESSARY TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD REVIEW THE TAX STRUCTURE FROM TIME TO TIME WITH A VIEW TO REDUCING THE RATE ON CERTAIN MATTERS.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO FIND NEW IDEAS THAT COULD BE USED IN DEVELOPMENT.

HE CITED AS EXAMPLE IDEAS FROM THE AGRICULTURE MINISTER, DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID, LIKE ARTIFICIAL REEFS, CAMPAIGNS ENCOURAGING THE DRINKING OF YOUNG COCONUT JUICE AND EATING OF ULAM, AND THE BREEDING OF SHEEP, AND SAID THEY HAD BENEFITED FARMERS. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI SANUSI, WHO ALSO SPOKE AT THE FUNCTION, SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD SUPPORT THE BARISAN NASIONAL IN THE ELECTION.

HE SAID HIS MINISTRY WOULD CONTINUE WITH ITS PROGRAMMES FOR THE BENEFIT OF FISHERMEN, FARMERS AND LIVESTOCK REARERS.

PRESENT WAS PERLIS MENTERI BESAR DR ABDUL HAMID PAWANTEH AND A CROWD OF ABOUT 4,000 PEOPLE. -- BERNAMA

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