

# Dr M: Sabahans misled by PBS

JITRA, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that not all Sabahans or Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) members harbour anti-Federal sentiments.

When the Barisan Nasional is returned to power after the election, it would explain to Sabahans how they had been misled, by PBS leaders who had poisoned their minds, Dr Mahathir said.

Some PBS leaders obviously lacked a strong Malaysian spirit and had fanned anti-Federal sentiments among their followers.

Asked about the possibility of Sabah being pulled out from Malaysia, Dr Mahathir said he was not willing to make such a prediction but added that if this cropped up, it would be resolved effectively.

He said that once a Kelantan leader had wanted to bring the State out of Malaysia but the problem was amicably solved.

He also pointed out that Sabah became a part of Malaysia on the wishes of Sabahans.

Answering a question, Dr Mahathir said the fact that Gerakan was planning to

expand to Sabah showed that the party had decided against co-operating with the PBS.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir, who faces Hamim president Datuk Sudin Wahab in a straight fight for the Kubang Pasu parliamentary seat, told BN workers in Malau, near here, to crush Semangat 46 in the polls by turning out in full force to vote for the BN. Datuk Sudin is using the Semangat 46 symbol in this election.

Dr Mahathir began his visit to the operations centres about 9.20am and criss-crossed the entire Kubang Pasu constituency to

visit 13 other centres.

Accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Haji Osman Aroff and State Exco member Datuk Hanafi Ramli, the Prime Minister also visited an Umno strongman, Haji Mihad Haji Ahmad, in Kampong Cherok Mokkan.

Haji Mihad, a Kubang Pasu Umno committee member, has been ill and bedridden for a month. The Prime Minister later presented aid to villagers affected by a recent storm and fire in the Kubang Pasu district.