

Dr M: PBS plan to indoctrinate youths

# Anti-Federal drive in Sabah

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**KUALA LUMPUR, Fri.** — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Sabah State Government was embarking on a campaign to fan anti-Federal Government sentiments among the people in the State.

He said there were plans to indoctrinate young Sabahans with anti-Federal Government feelings through planned courses organised by the proposed Institute of Political Econ-

omy to be established by Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS).

He said the institute was being modelled after the "character building centres" in Peninsular Malaysia but is aimed at brainwashing Sabahans against the Federal Government.

After presenting the "Prime Minister's Quality Awards" here today, Dr Mahathir said the PBS Government also planned to embark on other activities which were against the policies of the Federal Government.

He said the Federal Government would take action if these activities affected the stability or security of the nation.

"So far, there is no proof that the brainwashing efforts are jeopardising security but we

will be observing further. If necessary, we will take action."

He said the Federal Government would also study whether the "brainwashing" would lead to other activities such as pulling Sabah out of Malaysia.

Dr Mahathir said the Federal Government also had the right to point out to the people of Sabah these actions as they were also Malaysians and many of them did not hate the Federal Government or the people from the peninsula.

He said the Sabah Government has not abided by Federal Government policies, including the production and export of timber.

Despite repeated calls to reduce production and export of logs in order to conserve them for downstream activities in the country, this advice had not

been heeded.

He said continued logging activities would have a greater impact on Sabah as the source of revenue would be depleted.

Dr Mahathir said the Federal Government did not have the power to obstruct Sabah's policy on timber as this power was vested with the State Government.

"Laws pertaining to State Government jurisdiction could not be amended without the consent of the State Government concerned," he said.

On the recent action by the Sabah Forest Industries Sdn Bhd (SFI) to replace its chairman Tan Sri Zain Azraai (the Finance Ministry secretary-general), Dr Mahathir said the Federal Government might review its role as a guarantor for loans taken by SFI.