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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 10 (BERNAMA) -- KELANTAN AND SABAH WILL NOT BE INVITED TO THE MENTERIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS' MEETING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE MEETING, LIKE THE ONE HE CHAIRED TODAY, IS NOT A STATUTORY MEETING BUT HELD TO COORDINATE STATE AND FEDERAL ACTIVITIES.

+WE ONLY WANT TO COORDINATE RELATIONS BETWEEN STATE GOVERNMENTS CONTROLLED BY THE BARISAN NASIONAL AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH IS ALSO RUN BY THE BN,+ HE SAID AT A PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE MEETING AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE HERE.

AT TODAY'S MEETINGS, LAND AND COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT MINISTER TAN SRI SAKARAN DANDAI REPRESENTED SABAH WHILE YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER SENATOR HAJI ANNUAR MUSA REPRESENTED KELANTAN.

TAN SRI SAKARAN AND SENATOR HAJI ANNUAR, WHO ARE FROM SABAH AND KELANTAN RESPECTIVELY, WOULD ALSO REPRESENT THE STATES AT FUTURE MEETINGS.

+FOR THESE STATES (KELANTAN AND SABAH), REGULAR MATTERS WOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH THE EXISTING NORMAL CHANNELS,+ SAID THE PRIME MINISTER.

THE MEETING, THE FIRST AFTER THE OCT 21 GENERAL ELECTION, WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY OTHER CABINET MINISTERS. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ASKED WHETHER THERE WAS ALREADY A PRECEDENT THAT MENTERIS BESAR FROM CERTAIN STATES WERE EXCLUDED FROM SUCH MEETINGS.

HE SAID PRIOR TO 1970, THERE WERE NO SUCH FEDERAL-STATE GOVERNMENTS MEETINGS WITH THE MENTERIS BESAR OR CHIEF MINISTERS REPRESENTING THE STATES.

+THIS MEETING WAS INTRODUCED AFTER 1970 WHEN ALL THE STATE GOVERNMENTS WERE CONTROLLED BY THE BARISAN NASIONAL AS AT THAT TIME PAS HAD JOINED BARISAN NASIONAL...SO THEIR PRESENCE WAS NO PROBLEM,+ HE SAID.

AFTER PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS) FIRST WON THE STATE ELECTION, THE CHIEF MINISTER FROM THE PARTY WAS INVITED TO ATTEND SUCH MEETINGS BECAUSE ALTHOUGH PBS HAD NOT JOINED THE BN THEN, IT WAS KEEN IN BECOMING A BN MEMBER.

+BUT THIS TIME, THEY HAVE REJECTED BARISAN NASIONAL, SO IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO HOLD TALKS WITH THEM,+ SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR.

SABAH IS NOW CONTROLLED BY THE PBS GOVERNMENT UNDER CHIEF MINISTER DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN WHILE THE KELANTAN STATE GOVERNMENT, UNDER MENTERI BESAR HAJI NIK ABDUL AZIZ NIK MAT, IS AN ALLIANCE OF PAS, SEMANGAT 46 AND BERJASA. -- MORE
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DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE, ALSO ATTENDED BY CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI AHMAD SARJI ABDUL HAMID, THE PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCED THAT TODAY'S MEETING HAS AGREED TO=

+ ESTABLISH COMMITTEES COMPRISING OF STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS TO HANDLE SPECIFIC MATTERS WITH MINISTERS IN CHARGE OF THE RELATED PORTFOLIOS AS CHAIRMEN=

+ STANDARDISE ALL CONDITIONS ON ALIENATION OF STATE LAND FOR THE PENINSULAR GAS SUPPLY PROJECT=

+ MINIMISE RED TAPE IN ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS LICENCES=

+ REMOVE THE TERM +NEW VILLAGE+ AND REGARD ALL VILLAGES AS THE SAME= AND

+ ENCOURAGE STATE FOUNDATIONS TO ORGANISE INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FOR SCHOOL-LEAVERS -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE COMMITTEES COMPRISING EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND RELEVANT MINISTERS WOULD MEET PERIODICALLY IN STATES FACING SPECIFIC PROBLEMS WHICH NEEDED EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS.

+THE MINISTERS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS WILL MEET WITH THE MENTERIS BESAR OR CHIEF MINISTERS AND STATE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS TOGETHER,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID CONDITIONS FOR ALIENATION OF STATE LAND FOR THE PENINSULAR GAS PIPELINE PROJECT NEED TO BE STANDARDISED BECAUSE PRESENTLY STATE GOVERNMENTS ADOPTED VARIOUS METHODS AND SET VARYING TIME FRAMES FOR THAT PURPOSE.

+ WE WANT THE 'CONDITIONS FOR LAND ALIENATION TO BE CLEARLY STATED FOR GAS PIPELINE AND NOT FOR INDUSTRY, HOUSING AND AGRICULTURE,+ SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID AMONG THE DIFFICULTIES FACED BY THOSE INTENDING TO SET UP INDUSTRIES WAS GETTING THE VARIOUS LICENCES.--
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+FOR EXAMPLE, TO START A HOTEL, THEY MUST GET 34 LICENCES. OPENING UP FACTORIES WILL ALSO REQUIRE SO MANY LICENCES,+ SAID THE PRIME MINISTER.

HE SAID THE MALAYSIAN ADMINISTRATIVE, MODERNISATION AND MANAGEMENT PLANNING UNIT (MAMPU) HAS SUBMITTED PROPOSALS TO CUT THE BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS SO THAT ALL THE APPLICATIONS COULD COME IN A SINGLE FORM.

HE SAID NEW VILLAGES WOULD NOW BE REGARDED AS THE SAME AS NORMAL VILLAGES BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO GET GOVERNMENT ATTENTION.

+IF IT IS WITHIN A LOCAL AUTHORITY, IT WILL BE MANAGED BY THAT AUTHORITY . IF IN THE RURAL AREA, IT WILL BE RUN BY AND RECEIVE ALLOCATION FROM THE RELEVANT MINISTRY,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID STATE FOUNDATIONS COULD ORGANISE UP TO 30 INDUSTRIAL TRAINING COURSES IN MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND BUSINESS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE HUMAN RESOURCES MINISTRY.-- BERNAMA

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