

No problem accepting Pas' invite, says Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he did not see any problem in accepting an invitation by Kelantan Menteri Besar Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat to visit the State.

The Prime Minister and Umno president said accepting the invitation did not mean the Federal Government would provide aid to the State.

"Visiting does not

mean we are giving aid. He wants us to visit, we will visit ... No problem," he told a Press conference at the end of today's Umno general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on the invitation by the Kelantan Menteri Besar recently.

To another question, he said the Federal Government would not give aid to opposition-led State Governments

but would provide assistance to the people through different channels.

These State Governments should not claim credit for aid that comes from the Federal Government, he said.

Dr Mahathir was also asked to elaborate on a point he made on his meeting with the Sultan of Brunei in his address when opening the party general assembly this morning.

He said he was granted an audience by the Sultan of Brunei, who was here recently for a private visit. The Sultan informed him that he had not given any form of aid to any political party in Malaysia during the general election.

"He also said he had no intention of providing any form of aid to political parties as claimed by certain groups."