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KUALA LUMPUR. Sept 8 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is confident that the Barisan Nasional (BN) will win the Sarawak state election at the end of this month.

The Prime Minister said today this was because he believed that the people of Sarawak wanted to continue enjoying development and stability.

+The BN is the only body that can give all parties a chance to play their role in the administration of Sarawak,+ he told reporters after flagging off participants of the Royal Malaysia Police big walk at Bukit Aman here.

Besides, there was no benefit to be drawn from disunity or pressure on the ethnic groups in the state, and all parties must cooperate, irrespective of their origin, to ensure continuity in the state administration, he added.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is BN chairman, however, declined to comment on the position of Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS), in the state polls to be held on Sept 27-28. Nomination is on Saturday, -- more

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The PBDS is an opposition party at state level but a component of the BN at federal level.

Asked whether BN component members would help throughout the campaign period, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said: +Yes, we will help, a little.+

He also said that he would go to Sarawak on Thursday after visiting Sabah on Wednesday.

Asked about his visit to Mexico on Sept 17, he said it was aimed at strengthening bilateral relations besides increasing trade.

From Mexico, he will go to New York where he will address the United Nations General Assembly on Sept 24.

A total of 447 people, including Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Junid Megat Avob and Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Haniff Omar, took part in the big walk. -- Bernama

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