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MAHATHIR: PICK STATE GOVERNMENT THAT HAS TIES WITH KL

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BETONG (Seri Aman), Sept 13 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today called on the people of Sarawak to return the Barisan Nasional government in the coming state election on Sept 27 and 28.

The Prime Minister said this would facilitate the channelling of development to the state by the Federal government.

The Barisan Nasional Federal government would be in power until 1995 and if the people elected a state government that had no formal relations with BN, it would be difficult for the state to continue its development, he said when opening a secondary vocational school here.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said he was not trying to campaign for anyone but only reminding the people that the state election was to elect the state government and not Members of Parliament.

+A state assemblyman cannot do anything much unless he is with the party that forms the state government,+ he added. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said Kelantan and Sabah, which elected non-BN governments, were now having problems as they needed the co-operation of the Federal government to bring development.

He hoped that the people of Sarawak would not make the same mistake.

The Prime Minister said under the BN government, Sarawak was developing well, even at a faster pace than some states in the peninsula.

This was possible because the state government and the Federal government were from the same party, he added.

The Prime Minister said the state had many new roads, schools and clinics as a result of rapid development brought by both the Federal and state governments. -- more

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He added that the Federal government would provide assistance in specific fields like education and health, which were its responsibilities.

As a result of the politics of development practised by the state government, Sarawak was experiencing rapid development, both, in the urban and rural areas, he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the government set up vocational schools in the state to enable the people to be trained as skilled and semi-skilled workers to achieve the goal of making Malaysia a developed country by the year 2020.

The government wanted the younger generation to live in a developed country just like their counterparts in Japan, Britain and the United States, he added.

The Prime Minister said the people should learn to lead a modern life from now and to respect the environment.

Accompanying the Prime Minister and his wife, Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamad Ali, were Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Alfred Jabu, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abang Abu Bakar Mustapha, Education Minister Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud and their wives. -- Bernama

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