
Better for PBDS to work with us, says PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said today that Parti Bangsa Dayak Sarawak should co-operate with the Barisan Nasional rather than with the DAP in the Sarawak State election.

"PBDS is part of the BN at the Federal level. If PBDS wants co-operation, it should co-operate with BN and not the DAP. It won't benefit PBDS otherwise!" said Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman.

He had been asked by reporters to comment on PBDS contesting the Sarawak polls as an Opposition party.

When nominations closed yesterday, BN won two of the 56 constituencies uncontested. PBDS is contesting 34 seats, and the DAP 18. The two parties, apart from some exceptions, are contesting in different areas with PBDS concentrating on Bidayuh and Iban areas, and the DAP on Chinese ones.

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters after joining 2,000 participants at a 30-minute aerobic exercise, **Senamrobik Perdana**, organised at Dataran Merdeka by RTM and the Selangor and Federal Territory Executive Ciub (KESWP).

He also said that he would leave tomorrow for Mexico to step up trade ties with the Latin American country. His six-day visit would be an extension of his recent trip to South America.

"Mexico is our third largest trading partner in Latin America and we should step up our relations with it.

"After that I will proceed to the United Nations. I usually go in alternate years and (I) should have gone last year but did not because of the general election."