

PM: Ties with DAP not good for PBDS

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KUALA LUMPUR: Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) will not benefit if it co-operates with the DAP in the Sarawak election, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the PBDS should consider parties under the Barisan Nasional coalition in Sarawak if it wanted some form of co-operation in the polls.

Speaking to reporters after flagging-off the *Kampungku* run organised by the Broadcasting Department yesterday, the Prime Minister reminded PBDS that it "is one of the parties under the BN coalition at Federal level."

The state election sees the PBDS as opposition party.

The Sarawak Barisan, which is dubbed BN3, comprises Parti Pesaka Bumiputra Bersatu, Sarawak United People's Party and the Sarawak National Party.

Chief Minister Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud had said on Saturday that there seemed to be a "secret electoral pact" between the PBDS, DAP and two other parties.

Dr Mahathir declined to comment on the nominations itself.

The Prime Minister said he would be leaving for Mexico today to continue his visit to South American countries.

He is scheduled to spend six days in Mexico before proceeding to attend the United Nations General Assembly in New York.