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MARA'S SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION IS FINE, SAYS MAHATHIR

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KUALALUMPUR, Nov 9 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today there is no need to change Mara's system of administration although there have been calls for it to be solely managed by politicians.

The Prime Minister said the present system of professionals and politicians jointly running Mara was doing fine.

If politicians were to manage it without following administrative regulations, it would be difficult to detect irregularities and take action, he told a press conference at the end of the second day of the Umno General Assembly.

+Even the government is not being run independently of administrative officers, + he said when commenting on a delegate's suggestion that Mara be administered by politicians.

The delegate made the call when debating the motion of thanks for the presidential address.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said any problem in Mara could be resolved without by-passing the present system. -- more

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Ha gave an assurance that while the administrators performed their duties according to procedures, political influence would ensure that the people's interests were protected.

+Politicians will remain politicians and not administrators. Let's leave the administrative work to administrators, + he added.

On alleged irregularities involving the Parti Bersatu Sabah government, the Prime Minister said action would be taken if there was a breach of the law. -- Ret-nama

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