
Respect ruling on Kelantan reps, says Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hoped that everyone will respect the Kuala Lumpur High Courts ruling on the position of the State Assemblymen for Sungai Pinang and Limbongan in Kelantan.

"The court had made a decision and I feel we should respect it," he said.

However, Dr Mahathir said since there would be an appeal against the decision, it was best to wait for the outcome of the appeal.

The High Court yesterday declared that Haji Nordin Salleh and Haji Wan Najib Wan Mohamed are the Assemblymen for Sungai Pinang and Limbongan respectively, as their removal from the Kelantan State Legislative Assembly on July 3 last year was void and of no effect.

Following their removal by the Kelantan State Gov-

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ernment, by-elections were held on Aug 26 last year, and the seats were won by Haji Mahmud Yaakub and Haji Samat Mamat of Semangat 46, respectively.

Responding to reporters' questions after bidding farewell to departing Vietnamese Prime Minister Vo Van Kiet at Carcosa Seri Negara, he said although the voters had made their choice in electing their assemblymen, the law had to be respected.

On the East Asia Economic Caucus, he said it could be made more acceptable to enable the Asean member nations to endorse it but not to the extent of the EAEC losing its meaning.

On the dissatisfaction by certain quarters over the new salary scheme for government servants, he said the Government was willing to set up a tribunal to hear their grievances.

He said the salary & vision took more than a year to prepare and it took into consideration the views and memoranda from various parties.