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MAHATHIR SAYS GOVERNMENT MUST BE MULTI-RACIAL

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SANDAKAN, April 3 (Bernama) The government in Malaysia must be multi-racial in order to be fair and to avoid unrest, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said that any attempt to grab power for the advantage of a particular community would eventually lead to oppressions of other communities, leading to unrest.

+Even though Umno is the backbone of the Barisan Nasional (BN) it has never been its intention to oppress others who are not Muslims,+ he said at a dinner with the people at the Ramada Renaissance here tonight.

+We respect their beliefs because we also want them to respect our religion,+ he added.

Dr Mahathir said Sabahans should not be afraid because the BN government would not oppress any community or religion, --more.

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He said cooperation among various communities in the peninsula had reached to such level that they could now live in harmony with one another.

Dr Mahathir said the BN government at the federal and state levels would be fair to all races and would strive hard to develop the country.

+God willing, after 28 years we'll be a developed country,+ he said.

Present at the dinner were Sabah Umno deputy liaison chief Tun Datu Mustapha Datu Harun, Land and Cooperative Development Minister Tan Sri Haji Sakaran Dandai, Deputy Home Minister Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayub and Deputy Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Kadir Sheikh Fadzir. -- Bernama .

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