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MAHATHIR ON PAS MOVE TO IMPLEMENT HUDUD LAW

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KOTA KINABALU, April 30 (Bernama) -- Umno will support PAS proposal-to' implement hudud (Islamic criminal) law in Kelantan if it is done to fulfill the wishes of Islam Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Umno would study the matter if PAS submitted it as a motion in the Dewan Rakyat, he added.

+We will study it. But, in general, Umno will at least support it if the amendment (to the Constitution) is really necessary to fulfill the wishes of Islam,+ he told reporters after attending a closed door meeting with Sabah Umno leaders here.

Dr Mahathir arrived here this morning for a two-day visit to the state. Tomorrow he will open the first general meeting of the Liberal Democratic Party, a component party of the Barisan Nasional in Sabah.

He said the Cabinet had not taken any decision on 'the PAS proposal as there was no request for such amendment from the PAS-led Kelantan government. -- more

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Dr Mahathir, who is Umno President, said the government only promised to support PAS +on condition that' the amendment can be accepted by us.+

+We need to study the amendment suggested by PAS. .. which part of the Constitution which is said to prevent the implementation of the hudud law,+ he added.

He said his visit to Sabah was a routine one as he had not been here for quite' a while, It had nothing do with the.. on-going court case involving the Sabah Chief Minister or rumours of a snap election in the state.

Asked if Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) had applied to rejoin the Barisan Nasional, Dr Mahathir said there were rumours about it but the BN had not received any application. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said his meeting with Sabah Umno leaders was a routine one to brief them on the struggle and history of the party.

On the code of ethics for Rulers, he said he had yet to be briefed on the matter by the Umno delegation which met the Rulers recently.

Present at today's meeting were' Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, who is Umno Secretary General, -and Deputy Head of Sabah Umno Liaison Committee Tun Datu Mustapha Harun. -- Bernama

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