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KELANTAN, SABAH UNDERGOING ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN, SAYS PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 1 (Bernama) -- Opposition-ruled Kelantan and Sabah are experiencing economic slowdown because the actions of both governments are guided by political and not public interests, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today,

Opposition governments usually made hasty decisions regarding any action or proposal, he said when opening the 21st delegates' conference of Parti Gerakan here.

+Even before a proposal has been studied, they make announcements in the political interest. Later, when there is adverse reaction, they attempt to explain that the proposal is not as the people expect it to be,+ he said;

He cited the proposed implementation of the +hudud+ (Islamic penal) laws in Kelantan as an example. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said: +All these show that when people who are not experts in a certain field are given authority and responsibility, damage will be done.+

This had resulted in both states experiencing economic slowdown at a time when the country was generally enjoying an economic boom, he said.

He said a change in the situation could be brought about if leaders and members of the Barisan Nasional work with greater determination to win over the hearts of the people in the two states by providing accurate information.

The BN component parties must explain to the people in the states that only the BN could bring development and progress, both material and spiritual, he added,

He said the BN component parties should also be wary of the actions of the opposition parties and must expose their lies. -- Bernama