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CABINET YET TO DECIDE ON NEW DATUK BANDAR

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TAWAU, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- The Cabinet, at its weekly meeting today, did not make any decision regarding the appointment of a new Datuk Bandar for Kuala Lumpur, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said here.

+We have not picked anybody yet...there is still a lot of time,+ he told reporters after attending a Barisan Nasional (BN) youth gathering at the Tawau municipal field here.

He was responding to questions regarding the successor of the present Datuk Bandar, Tan Sri Elyas Omar, whose resignation takes effect from tomorrow.

On the move by the Sabah state government to gazette Sept 16 each year as Malaysia Day, he said the date should not be made into a political issue to divide the people of the country.

+We should remember that it is a historical date but we should not use it for party politics to create disunity or isolate Sabah from the peninsula,+ he said. -- more

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+Of course we will celebrate Sept 16...not to say that we will not celebrate the event,+ he added.

Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan had recently announced that Sept 16 would be celebrated as Malaysia Day in the state as Sabah joined Malaysia on that date in 1963 and not on Aug 31, the country's National Day.

On the youth gathering, Dr Mahathir said the presence of thousands of people was a good omen for the state BN.

About 20,000 people attended the rally organised by the BN Youth to mark the formation of Malaysia 29 years ago. -- Bernama

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