

Prime Minister: I have yet to meet Mustapha

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CHUKAI (Kemaman) Tues. — Tun Datu Mustapha Datu Harun, who yesterday said that he might step down as Minister for Sabah Affairs, has yet to meet Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the matter.

Asked to comment on Mustapha's statement, the

Prime Minister said: "I have yet to meet him. I only learnt about it when I read the newspapers and I don't believe the newspapers."

He was speaking to reporters after opening Perwaja Steel Sdn Bhd's Direct Reduction Iron plant here.

On the Kampung Raja by-

election tomorrow, Dr Mahathir was confident the Barisan Nasional would win because the people know that the BN is a party that fights for the *rakyat*.

Asked if the campaign by the Opposition from Kelantan would affect the BN's chances, he replied: "The

voters will not gain anything if they vote for the Opposition.

"The people will not get any help from Kelantan even if the Opposition wins (the by-election). How can they help when they are asking for help from us," he added.