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KUCHING, Jan 30 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister said tonight that leaders elected by the people should not abuse their powers but should use it correctly for the development and progress of the people.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said abuse of power by the leaders of a country or state would bring loss to the people.

"As leaders, we should be respected by people both within and outside the country based on our hardwork and leadership," he said at a dinner hosted in his honour by the Sarawak Barisan Nasional here.

He said the leaders of the Barisan Nasional component parties had always practised this concept and hoped the leaders and people of Sabah realised this.

The Prime Minister said the concept of co-operation among the various communities and parties within the Barisan Nasional had ensured peace, prosperity and the wellbeing of the people. -- more

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He said the concept of co-operation introduced by Malaysia's first Prime Minister Almarhum Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj through the Alliance had proved to be a success to this day.

"We are indebted to Almarhum Tunku for coming up with this concept when the country won independence as it has been an effective formula in determining the success of this country," he said.

He said through co-operation and government policies via the BN, the nation had succeeded and had changed from an agro-based country into one which was industrialising.

He said the concept of co-operation among the various communities and parties introduced through the Alliance still held true in the BN and would continue to be practised as the country marched towards developed status.

"We have the potential and the capability to change into an industrialised country from an agricultural one if the people worked hard towards this end," he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is also BN Chairman, indicated that the application by the newly formed Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) to join the BN would be successful in view of the support for it from the other parties.

"Now the BN has between 13 and 15 component parties and SAPP will probably become a new member soon," he said.

Earlier, Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud in his speech said any community in the state which understood the need for development should co-operate with the BN.

He said the application by the Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) to rejoin the State BN proved that the party had realised the need to work within the BN to jointly bring development to the state. -- Bernama

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