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PBS PREVENTS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FROM DEVELOPING SABAH, SAY PM

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KOTA KINABALU, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the federal government's good intention in wanting to bring development to Sabah meets with frustration because of lack of co-operation from the Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) led state government.

The Prime Minister said the PBS were blaming the federal government for not bringing development to the state "when in actual fact we want to bring development to Sabah."

Speaking at a meet-the-people session here today, he said when the federal government wanted to develop Sabah, the PBS would try to frustrate it with the hope that the BN would not be able to regain power in the state.

He said the PBS would only do things that could ensure the future of the party and its leader, Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan. --more

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Dr Mahathir said Sabahans had become the victims of PBS which was unsuccessful in bringing progress to the state.

He said the PBS government had made various demands from the federal government, like the setting up of a university and higher royalty on oil.

"The PBS government knows Sabah receives the same rate of oil royalty (five per cent) as Sarawak and Terengganu.

"Why Sarawak and Terengganu could progress while Sabah could not?" he asked.

He said the objective of the PBS in asking for a higher royalty was to make the Sabahans hate the Federal government.

Dr Mahathir said the Sarawak and Terengganu could still develop their states without asking for higher oil royalty.--Bernama

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