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PLEDGE IN PBS MANIFESTO TO ERADICATE CORRUPTION IS ODD, SAYS MAHATHIR

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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today he found it odd that the Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) election manifesto contained a pledge to eradicate corruption.

"This is the odd thing about PBS... while its leader has been found guilty of corruption, he still wants to contest, to be an elected representative and then talk about eradicating corruption," he added.

He was speaking to reporters at the Chinese New Year open house of Science, Technology and Environment Minister Datuk Law Hieng Ding in Damansara Heights here.

He was asked to comment on one of the pledges in the PBS manifesto for the state elections on Feb. 18 and 19 that the party would continue to seek ways to eradicate corruption.

Dr Mahathir said before PBS could get rid of corruption, the party whose leader was corrupt must first get of the leader. -- more

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"This has been proven in court... he had been found guilty in a corruption case" he added.

Although he did not mention any name, he was clearly referring to PBS president Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan who was convicted of corruption charge by the Kota Kinabalu High Court last month.

Dr Mahathir, who is Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, had previously criticised Pairin for still wanting to contest in the state elections although he had been convicted for corruption.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Information Minister Datuk Mohamed Rahmat, National Unity and Community Development Minister Datuk Napsiah Omar, Youth and Sports Minister Haji Abdul Ghani Othman and Lord President Tun Hamid Omar were among the VIPs who called on Law to wish him "Gong Xi Fa Chai". -- Bernama

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