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VOTE BN FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT, DR MAHATHIR TO SARAWAK PEOPLE

BINTULU, March 16 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today asked the people of Sarawak to ensure that the Barisan Nasional retained 100 per cent control of the State Legislative Assembly in the election this year to ensure the state's continued development.

The Prime Minister said the people of Sarawak should value the fact that they were staying in a stable state whose government had spent money wisely and diligently for the people's benefit.

"We can see the many development projects that have been implemented such as roads and highways for the good of the people," he told a news conference here before leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

The Sarawak State Election should be held by the end of November at the latest.

The Sarawak Legislative Assembly has no opposition with all 56 Assemblymen belonging to the four state Barisan Nasional parties -- Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu (PBB), Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP), Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak (PBDS) and the Sarawak National Party (SNAP).

The Prime Minister described as "treachery" the action of certain Non-Governmental Organisations in Malaysia, which supported their foreign counterparts' condemnation of Malaysia.

They should realise that the foreign NGO actions were motivated by jealousy over Malaysia's success.

They did not care so much for the environment or in preserving the cultures of the Penan community, he said.

"They want us seek help from them which will enable them to dictate what we can do and what we cannot," Dr Mahathir said. -- BERNAMA

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