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Money politics: PRM lauds Dr M's call

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. - Parti Rakyat Malaysia today welcomed the reminder by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to all parties on the consequences of those who practised money politics.

Dr Mahathir had said this when commenting on Sabah High Court judge Ian Chin's decision to declare polls for the Bukit Begunan seat in Sarawak null and void on Feb 13.

Chin had said there was an element of corruption involved and that a sizeable number of people were bribed in the election. However, he said the winning candidate, Barisan Nasional's Mong Dagang, was not involved in vote-buying.

In the election, Mong from Parti Bansa Dayak Bersatu beat Independent candidate Donald Lawan by a majority of 2,165 votes. Donald polled 2,726 votes.

"The Election Commission should hold a meeting between political parties, the police, government officials and the public to find solutions to the problem," PRM president Dr Syed Husin Ali said in a statement.

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