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GOOD COOPERATION EXISTS BETWEEN BN COMPONENT PARTIES, SAYS PM

KOTA KINABALU, Nov 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today there is good cooperation between the Barisan Nasional component parties, whether big or small, as they understand their respective roles in nation-building.

He said that any strains among the component parties could also be reduced as appropriate consideration was made based on their respective needs and roles.

Referring to the Sabah election which will be held at any time now, he said: "We must act in the election as one party, that is, the Barisan Nasional".

He said this when launching the new flag and logo of Parti Angkatan Keadilan Rakyat (Akar) here. Akar is a Sabah BN component party.

Dr Mahathir said that all promises made by the BN could only be fulfilled if it was returned to power.

He later held a news conference at the old Kota Kinabalu Airport before leaving for the federal capital.

Dr Mahathir said that the country in a way faced economic and political problems as a result of attempts by certain quarters to threaten the existing stability.

"Those lacking in the spirit of the Barisan Nasional are trying to disunite the people through riots so that the country will no longer be stable.

"But due to the BN's efforts, we will be able to continue to overcome all problems that we face," he said.

On Akar, Dr Mahathir expressed confidence that the party would be able to contribute towards the victory of the BN in the Sabah election, which should be held by March 18, next year.

"Don't think that a small party confined to a state does not have a role in national politics," he said.

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