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PBRS CONGRESS IN KENINGAU POSTPONED

KOTA KINABALU, Nov 26 (Bernama) -- The fourth congress of Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS) which Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open on Saturday has been postponed to a later date, party president Datuk Josepk Kurup said today.

The PBRS is among the component parties of Sabah's governing Barisan Nasional (BN) coalition.

The event, to be held in Keningau, about 170km from here, had to be deferred because of the current uncertain weather conditions in Sabah, said Kurup, who is also Deputy Chief Minister, in a statement.

Originally the congress opening by Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, is part of the prime minister's itinerary for the two-day visit to Sabah from tomorrow.

"The PBRS congress has had to be postponed at the last minute because of the unpredictable weather conditions. We don't want to take unnecessary risks," he said.

Dr Mahathir was originally scheduled to travel from here to Keningau in a helicopter which normally takes an hour's flight.

Kurup apologised to delegates, party supporters, Keningau residents and those involved in making the preparations for the inconvenience caused.

The party's supreme council would decide on a new date for the congress later, Kurup added.

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