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SABAH BN LEADERS TOLD BE VIGILANT AGAINST SPLIT WITHIN BN

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 20 (Bernama) -- Barisan Nasional (BN) secretary-general Datuk Mohamad Rahmat said Sabah BN leaders should be vigilant against split within the coalition front which could lead to its downfall.

He said one way of avoiding this would be to refrain from criticising other BN leaders through the media.

"Don't simply go to the newspapers. Newspapers like sensational stories because they draw readers' attention. Going to the press may weaken us," he said when presenting a paper entitled "Justice for All" at the Sabah BN Convention here today.

The one-day convention, which was attended by some 2,000 members from BN component parties, was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who is also BN chairman.

Reminding those present of the split within Umno at one time, Mohamad who is also Information Minister said Sabah leaders should emulate the founders of Alliance and BN, Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra and Tun Abdul Razak who believed in the principle of power-sharing.

He said the BN was not free of problems because different leaders had different views but they must give and take to preserve unity in the coalition.

On the theme of the convention "Justice For All", he said whoever led the state government must be fair to all communities.

In this respect, he commended Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee for doing a good job. --BERNAMA

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