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Coalition issue does not arise, says Salleh

KOTA KINABALU, Mon. - Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Salleh Said said today the Opposition kept talking about a coalition government after the State election as it had no confidence in winning the election.

He was referring to a recent Peninsular Malaysia-based tabloid report that Parti Bersatu Sabah president Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan had met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

However, Pairin had denied the report.

In a statement today, Salleh said the question of a coalition government did not arise as the people of Sabah would give a clear mandate to the Barisan Nasional to form the next State Government.

Salleh who is also the MP for Kota Belud, added that he was confident Sabah voters would reject politics of extremism and vote for the power-sharing concept as practised by the BN.

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