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DISSEMINATE TRUE INFO, SARAWAK BN LEADERS TOLD

KUCHING, Dec 1 (Bernama) -- Sarawak Barisan Nasional leaders have been directed to disseminate the true information especially in areas where instigation against the government was strong during the just concluded general election.

Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud said today that in most instances, the people had been given misleading facts on issues like Native Customary Rights (NCR) by the opposition in an attempt to fish for votes.

"I think the people are not bad...they have been fed the wrong information," he told reporters after attending the State Legislative Assembly sitting here.

He said even though this was not a big problem, MPs and MLAs and leaders of BN component parties should give the correct explanation to counter the false propaganda.

In clarifying the acquisition of NCR land for development purposes, he said that it was used to build amenities like roads and schools for the people's benefit.

It is not the government's intention to evict the people just like that, he said.

On the BN's clean sweep in all the 28 parliamentary seats in Sarawak, Abdul Taib said the mandate was proof that the people had realised that only the BN government could bring about development.

On the opposition's claims that money politics was employed during the election, the BN state chairman said he was not aware of it.

The Opposition had claimed that BN candidates had exceeded the RM300,000 limit on campaign funds.

"We did not spend much and did not exceed the limit...you (reporters) will know if we play money (politics)...we cannot hide things like this," he said.

On the appointment of cabinet ministers from Sarawak to the new federal government, he said he would leave it to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's discretion.

Sarawak has contributed 28 MPs to the BN tally in the Dewan Rakyat.

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