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Dr M keeps 'em guessing on election, may revisit States

IPOH, Tues. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he may decide to go for another round of State visits, prolonging the guessing game as to when Parliament will be dissolved to pave the way for the general election.

Responding to questions from newsmen at the end of his two-day visit to Perak, the Prime Minister said he had yet to finish his State rounds.

"I still have not finished one round... I may even go another round.. and give you lots of time to write all kinds of things.

"Every time I go round, I provide material for your reports... you should thank me," he said jokingly in response to a question whether the time was right to call for the election as a couple of months ago, he had said that the Barisan Nasional was waiting for the right time for the exercise.

When reminded that he had indicated during meetings with Umno and BN leaders yesterday that the election was going to be very soon, Dr Mahathir said he had also said other things which indicated that it was going to take a long time.

"I also said that we will wait until Pas' flags rot - that takes a long time. So you can interpret it anyway you like.

"Unless Pas makes its flags from paper and it tears, then we will have it very much earlier."

However, if the flags were made of canvas, he added, the election might be held much later next year.

He also said the people were now more aware of the truth about issues raised by the Opposition and on why former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was sacked.

"Now that they are more aware, I think they are more prepared to give their support," he added.

He also said he had emphasised the need for all coalition party members to work hard and meet party members to ensure their support.

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