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Dr M to make three-day working visit to Sabah

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KOTA KINABALU, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will make a three-day working visit to Sabah beginning Feb 18, Chief Minister Tan Sri Bernard Dompok said today.

While in the State, the Barisan Nasional national chairman is expected to open the Barisan Nasional convention.

Speaking after chairing the weekly Cabinet meeting at the State Legislative Assembly in Likas, Dompok said the Prime Minister would also launch the Sabah Native Affairs Council.

"Dr Mahathir is also scheduled to visit the Interior Division," he said.

The Prime Minister is also expected to attend a Kongsu Raya gathering.

Meanwhile, Dompok said today the action of four former leaders of the now defunct United Sabah National Organisation in apologising for protests and demonstrations after the 1985 State elections was a good reminder for the people of Sabah.

Dompok said people apologised because they made mistakes and that the former Usno leaders "made a lot of serious mistakes."

He said the leaders, who are now with Parti Barisan Rakyat Sabah Bersekutu might even be apologising for the things that they would be doing should they be given a mandate to govern the State.

"We can see that these people are not capable of managing the country," he said.

The four who openly apologised to those who were hurt in protests and demonstrations after the 1985 State elections are Datuk Askalani Abdul Rahim, Mohd Said Senang, Ridi Alawangsa and Mohd Naser Mohd Noor.

They made the apology during a Press conference on Sunday, stating that the protests were provoked by Parti Bersatu Sabah when it reneged on a pre-election pact with Usno.

On talks of senior government officers resigning to join political parties on the eve of the next State elections, Dompok said he had not received any information on the matter.

"I would not be surprised because every time there is an election, people resign and go into politics," he said.

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