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MAHATHIR CHECKING ON GOVT REPS MONOPOLISING CONTRACTS

KOTA KINABALU, March 6 (Bernama) -- The grouses among rural people in several parts of Sabah about elected representatives from the Barisan Nasional (BN) monopolising contracts for rural projects have been brought to the attention of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mahathir told a news conference here today that he would look into the matter.

" I will check on it to see if there is any truth. I will make sure they are not involved," he said.

During the news conference, a Kuala Lumpur-based journalist told the prime minister that this was one of the most common grouses of the rural people he heard after being here for three weeks covering the state election.

The journalist had told the prime minister that because of this, rural people felt that the elected representatives were depriving others of contract jobs.

At an election campaign gathering in Tuaran, near here, yesterday, Dr Mahathir told the people to inform him of cases of elected BN representatives found to have shirked their duties and responsibilities to their constituents.

Meanwhile, the political secretary of a senior Sabah state minister told Bernama today that the case cited by the journalist to the prime minister was one of the main issues raised by the opposition parties especially in the rural constituencies in the run-up to March 12 and 13 polls.

" An assurance from the prime minister that such practices would be checked in future would be a plus point for the BN in this election," he said.

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