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MAHATHIR SNUB FOR HARRIS

PAPAR, March 5 (Bernama) -- Former Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Harris Salleh, who is attempting a political comeback in the March 12 and 13 state election, got a snub today from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Speaking at an election rally here, Dr Mahathir repeatedly said thrice that there was "no way" he was going to cooperate with Harris, who recently reactivated Parti Bersekutu whose candidates stood in all the 48 constituencies in the polls.

Calling on voters to reject the party, he said that based on his experience when Harris was chief minister for nine years until 1985, Harris was a very difficult person to deal with.

" He seems to know everything and when talking to him, he would not allow others to butt in. He acts as if he knows how to solve all problems. This is Datuk Harris," Dr Mahathir said.

Dr Mahathir said Harris even predicted his party could form the next state government and would win 42 seats.

" Just ignore him. He will lose," he told a cheering crowd of BN supporters.

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