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Dr M says it again: Umno will not go to Sarawak

KUCHING, Sat. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today reiterated an earlier stand that Umno will not go to Sarawak and those claiming to represent it in the State has no right to do so.

The Prime Minister said the party would not accept the group which was purportedly fighting for the party's cause in the State.

"No one has any right to promise others that they will be accepted into Umno.

"We will not accept them. Umno does not want to come to Sarawak," Dr Mahathir told reporters after chairing the State Barisan Nasional meeting.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president and BN chairman, said this when asked to comment on a group which had been saying that those who supported it would be accepted into Umno.

The tenure of the present State Government will end next year.

On the meeting, Dr Mahathir said he told BN component leaders about the concept behind the coalition and how it had been the reason for its success.

"I explained why we need to continue with this concept which is good for the country."

The meeting was attended by leaders of Parti Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu, Sarawak National Party, Sarawak United People's Party and Parti Bansa Dayak Sarawak.

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