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ACTION AGAINST BUSINESSMEN OVER INJUNCTION IF FOUND TO BE UMNO MEMBERS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 31 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that Umno will take action against the three businessmen who initiated legal action against the system of rotation for the post of Sabah chief minister recently if they are proven to be Umno members.

"If we find that they are Umno members, action will be taken against them," Dr Mahathir, who is Barisan Nasional (BN) chairman, told reporters after chairing the BN Supreme Council meeting at Umno headquarters here.

He however did not elaborate on the kind of action that would be taken against the three businessmen.

Dr Mahathir admitted that there were some Umno members who were not happy and did not agree with decisions made by the party leadership.

"Some people are not happy (over the system) so they try...(to stop the swearing in of Datuk Chong Kah Kiat as the new chief minister of Sabah).

"But the majority are happy (with the system) and we cannot cater for everybody," he said when asked whether Umno would take action against the Sabah Umno members who filed for an injunction to stop Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Sankaran Dandai from swearing in the new chief minister.

Last week, two Umno members, Kaiman Buangan and Abdul Rajik Arin, filed the application in the Kota Kinabalu High Court seeking an injunction to stop the appointment of the new Sabah chief minister according to the rotation system. Another Umno member, Musli Oli, acted as the group's spokesman.

Dr Mahathir said dissatisfactions over the leadership's decisions by some party members were nothing unusual.

"Even in a single party like Umno, the leadership may decide something but there are members who do not agree. That is common but what is important is that we agree among the party and the party has representation in the BN," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that the meeting also touched on issues of globalisation, its effects and consequences to Malaysia and how important it was to make the people understand the government's stand on the issue.

He reiterated Malaysia's stand that the rich countries or organisations should contribute to the poorer nations if the world is to be globalised.

"That is why there is a proposal that the rich people and countries should be taxed and since the world will be globalised and almost become like one nation, the people who benefited from the globalisation should contribute to overcome the problems faced by the poorer nations.

"The rich countries do not accept the proposal of course...they want to keep their money for themselves," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that globalisation would only benefit the rich because they had the money and it was only fair that they contribute for the development of poor countries.

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