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SARAWAK ELECTION LIKELY TO BE HELD IN SEPTEMBER, SAYS PM

PUTRAJAYA, Aug 29 (Bernama) -- Sarawak is likely to hold its state election in September, said the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad who met Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud yesterday.

He said Abdul Taib, at their meeting at the Prime Minister's Office here, had indicated to him that the state election would be held next month.

"Only the date has not been fixed yet," Dr Mahathir told reporters here today when approached on his meeting with Abdul Taib who is also chairman of the ruling Sarawak Barisan Nasional.

According to sources, Abdul Taib sought views and advice from Dr Mahathir, who is BN chairman, on the lists of candidates submitted by the various component parties of the state BN.

The current term of the Sarawak state legislature ends on Nov 18 but many believed it would dissolved in the first week of September.

In the 1996 state election, the BN won 58 of the 62 seats, including 18 seats unopposed.

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