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PBS' RE-ENTRY INTO BN HAS STRENGTHENED SABAH GOVT, SAYS DR M

KOTA KINABALU, Oct 30 (Bernama) -- Parti Bersatu Sabah's (PBS) re-admission into the Barisan Nasional (BN) early this year has further strengthened the Sabah Government and led to Sabahans to live in peace and harmony, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said with development programmes progressing smoothly in Sabah, Sabahans, irrespective of race and religion, could reap the benefits from the government's development efforts.

Dr Mahathir, who is also BN Chairman, said he was pleased to see PBS truly adhering to the BN's philosophy and principles in its struggles since re-joining the coalition on Jan 14.

This has been proven when the BN retained the Gaya parliamentary seat with a thumping majority in the Oct 12 by-election, he said in his message to PBS' 17th Congress on Sunday and Monday.

He hoped PBS would continue to play a positive role towards uniting the people in Sabah and developing the state.

Dr Mahathir urged PBS to continue cooperating with BN component parties so that the coalition would emerge stronger in line with Sabah's position as a BN stronghold.

Meanwhile, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will open the two-day congress at the Hongkod Koisaan in Penampang on Sunday, PBS Information Chief Henrynus Amin said.

He said the PBS Youth and Wanita wings would hold their meetings at Penampang Library and Palace Hotel on Sunday morning while the meeting proper would be held on Monday. More than 500 delegates are expected to attend.

The party would pass several resolutions, including its support to the Federal Government's demand for the United Nations to remove BN from the list of entities allegedly having links with the al-Qaeda terrorist network, he said.

A resolution in support of the government's plan to teach Science and Mathematics in English in primary schools next year would also be tabled, he added.

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