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DONT'T BE COMPLACENT, DR MAHATHIR TELLS SABAH BN

KOTA KINABALU, May 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has advised the Barisan Nasional (BN) parties in Sabah against complacency now that it had established political dominance in the state.

"We should use the opportunity to continue with our efforts to bring progress and prosperity to the state and the people as a mark of our appreciation for their support," he said in his message in the souvenir programme of the 9th Annual Congress of the Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP) this weekend.

The two-day congress begins with the convention of the youth's and women's wings on Saturday, followed on Sunday by the congress which will see the election of the supreme council for the 2002-2006 term. The results are expected to be known around 4pm.

Dr Mahathir said Sabah has returned fully to the BN with the recent re-admission of Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) as a component member.

Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, congratulated SAPP as the BN component party that contributed to the coalition front's success in Sabah.

"Although we have succeeded in controlling the state, we must not neglect our responsibilities. On the contrary, we must serve with dedication and show our trustworthiness," he said.

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