

Dr M: PBS readmission brought state stability

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KOTA KINABALU: A badly needed political stability now prevails in Sabah with the readmission of Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) into the Barisan Nasional last year. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"Sabah no longer suffers from the constant uncertainty due to power grabbing by various political parties that had stifled growth in the state," he said in his message for PBS' 18th congress.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Barisan chairman, is scheduled to open the congress on Monday at the Hongkod Koisaan hall here.

He said that with the PBS returning to the Barisan after a 13-year absence, the state was now governed by a coalition of parties that

was committed to the struggle of Sabahans.

The Barisan-led state government had a clear direction in its agenda for the development of the state, said Dr Mahathir, who had earlier this year opened the congresses of two other Kadazandusun-based Sabah Barisan parties formed by PBS breakaway factions.

These were the Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah headed by Tan Sri Joseph Kurup and the United Pasok Momogun Kadazandusun Murut Organisation led by Tan Sri Bernard Dompok.

Dr Mahathir said PBS' move to seek readmission into the Barisan was a wise and correct one.

"Sabah Barisan is now in a position to carry its role more effectively in bringing progress to the state," he added.