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TUN DR MAHATHIR, AN EPITOME OF MALAYSIAN POLITICIANS: TAIB

SIBU, March 16 (Bernama) -- Chief Minister Tan Sri Haji Abdul Taib Mahmud has described the former Prime Minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohammad, as the epitome of Malaysian politicians.

He said Malaysia and Sarawak as well had changed a great deal after 20 years of his administration.

Speaking at a "Leader-With-The-People" session at the Civic Centre here, he said even though Dr Mahathir had stepped down as Prime Minister he had continued to promote Malaysia to the outside world.

The session, attended by more than 2,000 people, was organised to campaign for the two Barisan Nasional (BN) incumbents, Datuk Robert Lau Hoi Chew (Bandar SibU) and Tiong Thai King (Lanang), of the Sarawak United People's Party (SUPP).

Lau is being challenged by the State DAP Chairman, Wong Ho Leng, while another DAP candidate, David Wong Kee Woan, is taking Tiong on.

"Although you are no longer the Prime Minister, you still continue to bring honour to the country by travelling around and promoting it wherever you go.

"Tun, too, has broken the country's record by becoming the first former Prime Minister to campaign for his successor, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, and his new Government," Taib said.

He added that Dr Mahathir was a living example of how the people should continue to struggle for the country's progress.

The people, he said, too, could do their part by turning up in full force to vote for the ruling BN Government in Sunday's general election.

On SibU, he said it had developed tremendously since Lau, who is seeking his fourth term, became its Mayor and had maintained very close co-operation with other elected BN representatives.

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