

**Mahathir:
It's so
unfair to
blame the
people**

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ALOR STAR, Wed. —
Kedah Umno leader
~~Dr. Mahathir bin Mo-~~
hamed said today it
was unfair for the
Election Commission
to blame the people
for not checking the
electoral rolls.

"To expect every
voter to look up his
name is to expect the
impossible," he said.

Commenting on
complaints of names
missing from electoral
rolls, he said: "It is up
to the commission to
devise a proper system
which will eliminate
mistakes like wrong
names, wrong identity
card numbers or
wrong constituencies."

On a suggestion that
compulsory voting
should be introduced,
Dr. Mahathir said this
was not necessary be-
cause Malaysians were
aware of their duty to
vote.

"A 70 per cent turn-
out at the polls is
high even for more
advanced countries,"
he added.

"This shows the vo-
ters in Malaysia have
a high sense of res-
ponsibility," he said.