

'Anti-Govt demos wil help only the Reds'

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MAHATHIR WARNS THE PEOPLE AGAINST GIVING INDIRECT SUPPORT

ALOR STAR, Monday.

PEOPLE who listen to irresponsible elements and try to get what they want from the Government by force or demonstrate against the Government are indirectly helping the communist terrorists, Deputy Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said today.

"The people should develop a sense of responsibility towards the country," he told a rally at Kampung Kubang Pasu near the Thai border.

"The communist threat faced by the Government is also a threat to the people.

"The Communists have not achieved anything so far, but there are irresponsible elements who go into the kampungs to instigate the people to get whatever they want from the Government by force and to carry out irresponsible acts.

"If the Government had to deal with these troublemakers and irresponsible elements it would not be able to devote its efforts fully to containing the communist threat," Dr. Mahathir said.

A warning

The Deputy Prime Minister said the Govern-

ment did not expect the people to carry arms and go into the jungle to hunt the communist terrorists.

Dr. Mahathir warned that if the communists were to rule this country the Islamic religion would be threatened.

He said once a country was ruled by the communists it would forever be under their yoke.

"Under the communist system of Government the people cannot gather together, eat laksa and enjoy themselves as what we are doing here today.

"The communists will not allow five people to group together and they will be shot if they are found in groups.

Labour camps

"Those who oppose communism would be sent to labour camps," Dr. Mahathir said.

Dr. Mahathir said there were 50,000 Malaysian students studying in universities and institutions of higher learning abroad and at home. Before independence there were only a handful of such students.

This was evidence of the benefit of independence, he said.