

# No road back for the turncoats, says Mahathir

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**BUTTERWORTH, Mon.** — Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today criticised those "turncoats" who had left the National Front in the eleventh hour to contest the election as independents.

He called them "opportunists" and warned the voters against being tricked and confused by them.

He said some of them were going around telling the people that they would rejoin the Front if elected.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the Front would never accept them back even if they were to win.

The Deputy Prime Minister was addressing Front members and supporters at the Umno hall in Sungai Bakap, 20 miles from here.

## Imperative

He said these independents were only interested in themselves and would not be able to serve the people effectively.

He also said that voting for the opposition would not benefit the people but would only turn the clock backward.

He said the opposition parties would only hinder progress as they would refuse to co-operate with the Front government.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir called on the people to vote for Front candidates.

He said the people should unite to give their full support to the Front's multi-racial lineup in order to ensure the country's continued progress and prosperity.

He said it was imperative that the Front be given a fresh mandate to continue its good work.

He said no other party other than the Front would be able to rule the country effectively.