

# Be proud of our happy country: Mahathir

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ALOR STAR, Wed. 9 — Malaysians should be proud that peace and tranquillity continue to prevail in the country with the various communities living together harmoniously, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"This happy situation is one thing Malaysia is well known for throughout the world, he said.

Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir was addressing about 20,000 people who turned up to welcome him at the Kepala Batas airport in his first official visit to the State as Deputy Prime Minister.

He was accompanied by his wife, Datin Seri Dr. Siti Hasmah binti Mohd. Ali.

Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir said there are some people still not satisfied with what they have.

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He said these people are extremists and they exist among the various

But, he added, the people must co-operate with the Government by living in peace and harmony.

Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir said Kedah is progressing and that he is confident of its bright future.

Earlier in his welcoming speech, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Nahar Shahabuddin said that the Deputy Prime Minister had often sympathised with Kedah being a backward State and has helped to provide allocations and grants for development.

He believed that with Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir as one of the national leaders, Kedah could look forward to a brighter future and enjoy greater prosperity.

The red carpet was rolled out as the VIPs arrived in an RMAF executive jet. State Secretary Datuk Radzi Bassir and Datin Zuhuriah binti Abdul Hamid boarded the plane to accompany the VIPs down.

races. If they are allowed to exist, the country would be destroyed.

"These extremists think they could get more than what they already have, not realising that no one community can get all they want," he added.

Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir said that Malaysia was also well known throughout the world for its strong economy and stable Government.

He said the Government would continue to do its best to create more job opportunities and to raise the standard of living of the people.