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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said no Malaysian can declare he has not received any benefits from Umno. He also reminded Malaysians that the prosperity they enjoyed today are the results of Umno's struggles over the years.

He called on Malaysians, and Umno members in particular, to safeguard and protect the present system practised in the country and not to reject or block Umno's efforts in providing the good life to the people.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is Umno deputy president, was launching the Kuala Lumpur Bandar Umno division donation drive for the proposed \$140 million Umno Complex.

The division received pledges amounting to \$220,400 of which \$45,500 was handed over to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir.

The Deputy Prime Minister reminded Malaysians that before independence, the people were only given a very small portion of the country's wealth.

But now, he added, Malaysians owned and managed the country's wealth and nobody could deny that their wealth was far greater now than before.

Umno's ability to rule steadily and maintain stability and at the same time provide vast opportunities to Malaysians who were willing to toil, had given affluence to the country, he said.

were willing to work who would reap the benefits and the government through various programmes would continue to provide the opportunities, he said.

It was only those who were not successful and those who were not willing to toil who would criticise the effectiveness of the New Economic Policy and give a gloomy picture that everything was wrong with the system, he said.

Considering all the prosperity in the country which was the result of Umno's efforts, he said, it was not too much if Umno were to ask for a little donation for its building.

He said total donations now stood at \$800,000 and Umno has set the target at at least \$7 million a year or \$21 million in the next three years.

Hopefully construction of the first phase of the complex, which would comprise a convention centre, hotel, exhibition