

THE 'DILEMMA' IS A BIG HIT

DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's *The Malay Dilemma* is set to become a best-seller after an 11-year ban in the country.

Printed in Singapore in 1970, the hard-cover edition which has been selling at Wt.50 has been reprinted three times.

The ban was lifted last week and since then, orders for about 15,000 copies have been placed by booksellers in Malaysia.

During the 11 years that it was banned here, about 20,000 copies of the book had been sold in Singapore. To meet the increase in demand, its publishers, Federal Publications, will be printing a new edition.

This is expected to be on the market before the end of the month. Although the bulk of the new edition will be in soft cover, there will still be some copies in hard cover for collectors. These will be priced at \$18 a

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The book was banned in 1999 by Tengku Abdul Rahman's Government.

Meanwhile, DAP Secretary-General Lim Kii Slang has welcomed the lifting of the ban on Dr Mahathir's book.

Kit Siang's call

"It would be ridiculous if the ban on the Prime Minister's most important political work were to continue in the country," he said while speaking at a dinner to welcome former ISA detainees Chan Kok Kit and Chan Heng Kai organised by the Penang DAP.

He called upon Malaysians to read and understand the ideas and thinking advanced by Datuk Seri (Dr) Mahathir in his book for the "simple reason that as Prime Minister, his ideas and thinking are important to the people and the country."