

Dr M's book tipped to be best seller[©]

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KUALA LUMPUR,
Thurs. — Datuk Seri Dr
Mahathir Mohamad's
book *The Malay Dilem-
ma*, is expected to shoot
up to the top of the best
sellers list here within
the first week of issue
next week.

A spokesman for its
publisher, Federal
Publications, said it
has received orders for
at least 10,000 copies for
the first printing of the
book's soft-cover edi-
tion which will sell for
\$9.50 a copy.

The hard-cover edi-
tion, at \$14.50, will go
into its first printing
and will come out soon
after the soft covers hit
the market sometime
next week.

The Malay Dilemma,
banned in 1970 for being
"prejudicial to the se-
curity of the country",
is being released in
Malaysia for the first
time since the ban was
lifted two weeks ago.

But the book was
published in Singapore
and has sustained good
sales there for the past
11 years and also in
Hong Kong, Australia
and the United States.

"This is not an or-
dinary book. It's writ-
ten by the Prime Min-
ister. It will stay on top
for a while," said the
publisher's spokesman
on the impending big
release of the book
here.

It will continue to
sell even after it
reaches its peak, he
added. Orders are still
coming in and he said
that Federal Publica-
tions will have enough
books to meet public
demand.

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Bookstores here and
in Petaling Jaya have
reported numerous re-
quests for the book from
customers: They have
placed orders ranging
from 100 to 2,000 copies,
with the publisher.

A bookstore here
said the 10 hardcover
copies it received last
week were snapped up
within 20 minutes.

Mr Lim Hwee Seng,
the manager of the
MPH store in PJ said
he has placed an order
for 500 copies of *The
Malay Dilemma*. He ex-
pects the book to be a
best seller for at least
the first two weeks of
issue.