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PENANG, Sat. — The Government, since independence, has created so many opportunities for the Malays that there are now not enough qualified people to take up the opportunities, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today. He said there were many reasons for the lack of qualified people and one of these was the attitude of some of the students given opportunities for higher learning.

"We open universities and give scholarships but there are some students who just won't learn," he said when opening the State Umno Convention here.

Land use

There were also people given every opportunity to go into business but they did not take the trouble to succeed "just like you can take a horse to the water but you cannot make it drink," he said.

Hitting out at critics of Government policies for the Malays, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said when one examined the criticism and the critics, one found that such critics were just the kind of people who did not put effort into their businesses to make them succeed.

Penang Malays, he said, should now try to cope with the State's increasing population, the land shortage and to manage with the opportunities generated under Penang's development.

One of the things Penang Malays had to seriously look into was the better use of land.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said there were many villages in the city and with the price of land already high, those Malays who owned such land should develop it for greater economic returns.