

# Why we can't have a racist Govt

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**KLUANG, Fri.** — A government that gets the support of just one community will only cater to the needs of that community.

It will be too scared to take action in the interest of others for fear of losing the support of just that one group that voted it into power, said Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad today in reference to the racist politics of the DAP and Pas.

Speaking at the foundation-stone laying ceremony for a science laboratory of the Chung Hwa Secondary School here, the Prime Minister re-

minded the people that a government supported by only one race has no place in a multi-racial country like Malaysia.

He said Malaysians today enjoyed many freedoms that are denied to many other countries that gained their independence after World War Two.

## Languages

"But we always forget the benefits we have now and would only remember them when they are pulled back."

He said the freedom that existed for the dif-

ferent races to use all kinds of languages is a result of the Government's faith in democracy and where the government in power is one that represented the different communities of the country.

He reminded the people that it was important that they understood this multi-racial concept and put aside racist issues in the interest of a united and peaceful Malaysia.

Talking about the need of a national language, he said while freedom is guaranteed for the use of other languages, it was imperative for a multi-racial Malaysia to have one language that could be understood by all.

If people communicate

in a language that can be understood by only one group then relations between communities will be affected, he said.

He said Malaysia had been able to build a strong government because of the support it received from people of various communities.

The freedom to elect our own government is also a special freedom, he said.

"Because the people have the right to choose their representatives, they also have the right to get their demands heard."

He said a wakil rakyat owed it to the people for his election and thus had to cater to their needs to remain in office.