

Mahathir: 'Beggars' NST 21 APR 1982 can't deliver

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight described the Opposition parties as "beggars" because they have no power to fulfil their pledges to the people.

The Prime Minister said Opposition parties such as the DAP and Pas would have to turn to the Barisan Nasional in requesting government assistance.

"The DAP or Pas can only speak and make pledges to the people but they cannot deliver the goods as they have no power in the Government," he said.

He was addressing about 2,000 supporters of the Setapak Barisan Nasional at the Sultan Sulaiman Club in Kampung Baru here.

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He said the people of Kuala Lumpur should support the Barisan Nasional as it is in the Fed-

eral Capital that the Alliance, and later the Barisan Nasional, was born.

He said he regretted that people in the Federal Territory had rejected the Alliance, and later the Barisan, in general elections in the past.

He said he hoped the situation would change because candidates from the ruling party would be better able to look after the interests of the people.

He said the Government has many plans to develop the city, including the squatter settlements.

"The money that would be used for these development projects would come from the Government, not from the DAP or Pas."