

Dr M: Don't let this get to your head

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PORTKELANG, Mon. — Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad today told Umno members not to allow their involvement in accumulating property for the party "to get to their heads".

He reminded them that their primary role was the struggle for the betterment of the community and the nation.

"Too much involvement in accumulating property may undermine their role as politicians to the detriment of party strength," he said when opening the \$2.1 million Pelabuhan Kelang Umno branch building here.

He said there was no harm in buying property for the party, especially if it could promote party efficiency.

However as politicians, he added, they should realise their main responsibility of looking after the interest of party members.

He feared that Umno might become weak and finally lose power, if members forgot their responsibilities.

Since the setting up of Umno in 1946, it had succeeded in many fields including property ownership.

"The problem arises when we are in possession of property. We tend to forget our main duties as politicians.

"If we forget our duties as politicians, then the party may fail, become weak and ultimately lose

power," added the Prime Minister.

Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir, who is also the Umno president, advised party members to manage properties according to the constitution and that only trustworthy people be chosen as property trustees.

May Day

This was to ensure that the property accumulated in the name of Umno would not slip out of its hands as had happened.

He said this was important because there had been cases where the so-called Umno property were found "missing."

"I don't wish to see such things happening again," he added.

Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir called on Malaysians of various races to co-operate with one another not only in politics but also in other fields in developing the country.

He reiterated that Ma-

laysians must be prepared to work very hard if they wished to progress. "We should not wait for slogans to move to greater heights."

The Prime Minister said workers in celebrating the May Day should remind themselves of their responsibility. "It's not a day to mobilise workers to make demands."

Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir said if workers worked very hard, the country would become prosperous, enabling it to help the poor in the society.

Earlier, Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Ahmad Razali said the squatter area in Jalan Samy near here would be developed soon.

He said the Government had directed property owners to develop the land.

The Menteri Besar said it was time that the squatter be removed as Port Kelang serves as entry point for foreigners.