

# We'll expose the traitors, says PM

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KUCHING, Sat. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad declared today that should the Government's efforts to end the deadlock over the constitutional amendments fail, it would expose the traitors who have obstructed these efforts.

"If the effort to find a solution does not succeed, I give an undertaking that all the Government's actions, all the efforts of other groups, all the work of the traitors who obstruct our reaching a solution will be exposed," the Prime Minister told a crowd of about 20,000 who welcomed him at the airport here.

The Government, he said, would have no choice but to expose to the rakyat "who the obstructionists are and why they obstruct."

He said the Government was willing to give and take as much as it could without giving

away the people's right, "but there are people who purposely do not value this compromise."

At a Press conference later, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said if everything else failed, he would have no choice but to explain to the people that "it (the failure) was not my doing, but that in fact there were others who seemed to want this problem to go on."

He told the crowd that he regretted the Government could not be totally open with the rakyat "not because we don't want to, but because we want to take care of feelings and atmosphere to solve this problem."

"We can't explain everything frankly because we're afraid that it would affect efforts to solve the problem."

But unfortunately, said the Prime Minister, while the Government was trying to maintain a

stand clear. But others

are playing a game which is smart in a way, but very dangerous for them and the country."

On whether he was confident that the present impasse would be solved, he said, "I believe there is no impasse that can't be resolved sometime or other... soon or not, I don't know."

"On the one hand, I have to explain to the people what's happening. But on the other hand, I can't tell them the whole truth because of various constraints, particularly that which concern the efforts to arrive at a solution..."

"If I say too much, it probably may undermine the efforts. But if I don't explain, I may be accused by the people of not doing the right thing or having done the wrong thing. So that is the dilemma I face," he said.

"But of course, if everything else fails, I have no choice but to explain that it is not my doing, that in fact there are many others who seem to want this problem to go on."

When asked who these people were, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said he could not name them now as it might undermine the efforts to reach a solution.

"But there are a few who are well known as they have made their