

# DR M: UMNO MUST NOT BECOME WEALTH CRAZY

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BUKIT KAYU, HITAM, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad reminded today that Umno should not become "wealth crazy" but concentrate on its political objective of serving the people.

"I do not encourage Umno to become a party of wealth, exploiting our political position," he told about 20,000 people who turned out to witness him lay the foundation stone of the \$1.1 million Kubang Pasu Umno petty traders complex. Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said although Umno needed to be financially stable to effectively carry out its activities and political struggle in the interest of the people, "we should not be carried away and turn wealth our objectives."

"So long we have money to support our good intended activities, we should be contented," he said.

"Politics based on richness is unhealthy and I do not encourage Umno to become a money-making party," he said.

"The spirit of Umno members in serving is more important than money richness," he said.

He added that the complex, when ready, would act as an extra revenue source to the Kubang Pasu Umno "and I hope we will stop at that."

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also advised Umno members to be wary in view of the approaching party assembly-cum-elections.

"Certain people may be making offers and suggestions to you, but you should not be easily in-

fluenced," he said.

"You may accept their offers, but make sure your vote remains yours," he advised.

"The Umno election is also like the general election — it's full of activities," he said, suggesting there would be vote hunting.

On the Constitution amendment issue, he said "the spirit shown by Umno members had added another victory to the party."

"It is through the support of high spirited Umno members that the Constitution amendment matter had been solved," he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir added that "if the Constitution amendment issue was not solved, it could split, or even destroy Umno."

"We have successfully pass this challenging test and we have proved that through such spirit we can go far," he added.

He added that Umno adopted the policy of seeking a middle-line settlement, in solving the issue so that both parties would be satisfied.

Datuk Seri Dr Mathathir said the spirit shown by all Umno members in facing the challenge should be maintained.

"Such spirit must continue, but this time we must concentrate on development," he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also reminded bumiputra businessmen that it was vital to concentrate on improving their administrative efficiency.

"Good administration is the key to business success," he said.

He added that bumiputras should be patient and be prepared to struggle through initial losses and hardship in order to become successful businessmen.

"Profits and richness do not come in one day and will not be smooth sailing always," he said.

He added that bumiputra businessmen should start from scratch and climb from the bottom.

He said bumiputras should not be carried away by the "fast buck" attitude, but should go slow.

He said the Government would provide bumiputra businessmen all necessary training towards this end.