

# Don't take money from the poor, PAS told

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TANAH MERAH, Thurs.  
— PAS State Assemblymen  
and MPs should give away  
their allowances to their  
party and avoid collecting  
money from poor people,  
Prime Minister Datuk Seri  
Dr Mahathir Mohamad  
said today.

Dr Mahathir, who is also  
Umno president and Barisan  
Nasional chairman,  
said that during the Pa-  
dang Terap by-election re-  
cently, there were PAS  
leaders who "campaigned  
in cars and at the same  
time collected money from  
the poor who had to walk."

Speaking at a Press con-  
ference after opening the  
Umno Tanah Merah divi-  
sion building here, Dr Ma-  
hathir said that Umno was  
honest in such matters and  
"we can never practise the  
hypocritical style of PAS  
leaders."

He said that Umno's As-  
semblymen and MPs need-  
ed their allowance money  
although they contributed  
regularly to the party.

"We also contribute reg-  
ularly to the Barisan, the  
headquarters, divisions  
and other pressing needs.

"I personally take a  
\$1,000 pay cut, and so do  
the other Ministers, and we  
never boast about this," he  
added.

On senior government  
leaders active in politics,  
Dr Mahathir said that the  
General Orders specifica-  
lly prohibit any active  
participation.

However, there were  
some who began their po-  
litical activities only after  
permission was given to  
them.

It had been ensured that  
their participation in poli-  
tics would not interfere  
with their jobs, Dr Ma-  
hathir added.