

# PM: Do not hold Govt to ransom

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PENDANG, Tues. — The Government should not be held to ransom if the demands of the people are to be met, the Prime Minister said today.

He said the people must first give their support to the Government, for only then could it reciprocate by seeking ways within its means to help them.

He said the people should not threaten to vote against the Government just because they wanted their demands to be met.

"The people should not only think of themselves but must be prepared to

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make sacrifices for the sake of the community.

"Their sacrifices should not be confined to the Hari Raya Haji period only," he said.

He was speaking to the people in Bukit Raya near here this afternoon after donating a cow for slaughter to mark Hari Raya Haji.

"How can the Government help the people if they do not support the Government?"

"How can the Government also meet the demands of the people in Bukit Raya if they do not have a representative in the Government to speak for them?"

"If Bukit Raya is represented by its own man,

perhaps he will be able to convey the plight of the people to the Government. Maybe then we can see how we can help the people.

"But to threaten not to vote for the Government if their demands are not met is certainly incorrect. Win the constituency first, then we can see how we can help the people in Bukit Raya.

"It has been a very long time since Barisan Nasional last won the Bukit Raya seat. I want to see a change in the coming general election," he said.

Barisan Nasional, then known as Alliance, last won the seat in the 1969 general election. Since then Bukit Raya has become a Pas bastion.

To achieve victory for Barisan Nasional in the general election, Dr Mahathir said Umno members must be prepared to work hard and make sacrifices.

"We must make sacrifices at all times by giving our energy, time and ideas to help others.