

Ticking off for those who mocked

slogan

DATUK Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad criticised some Umno members for mocking the Government's "Leadership by example" slogan.

He said they were tarnishing the image of the leaders and the Government and encouraging others outside the party to follow them.

It was also disappointing that some people were nit-picking and enlarging minor issues to give the impression that Cabinet Ministers were bad leaders.

The Umno president, in his winding-up speech, said the Government formulated the slogan as it felt that it would encourage people to set up good examples for others to follow.

"Unfortunately, the slogan had been twisted to highlight certain mistakes of leaders while ignoring their many good qualities."

Dr Mahathir made it clear that leaders were also human beings and therefore make mistakes.

He said the Cabinet and members of the Supreme Council had hard working people.

"They had better be because I hold the whip," he said much to the amusement of the delegates.

On a lighter note, Dr Mahathir said there were also some complaints that other Ministers did not follow his example in driving the Proton Saga to the Assembly.

He said other Ministers, like Datuk Rais Yatim, drove his red Proton Saga to the assembly, but cameramen do not take shots of this.

"For example, yesterday Datuk Rais wore green ... and drove his red Saga. But still people did not take notice."

Others like Datuk Musa Hitam bought the Proton Saga ... for his daughter and since the latter did not attend the assembly, nobody saw the car.

"I bought the car for my wife. And since she wants to come to the assembly I got a ride from