

Opposition now too communal, extremist: PM

DATUK Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia needs a healthy opposition but the existing opposition is more inclined towards communalism and religious extremism.

The Prime Minister said on Thursday night that an opposition was necessary in a democratic country because without it the ruling party might be careless in performing its duties.

Addressing Barisan Nasional leaders at Rumah Tetamu in Kangar, he, however, said that an opposition was needed not just to find fault with the government but to help it find solutions to problems.

"What is regretted is that the opposition now is either too communal or religious extremist," he said.

"The DAP, for example, uses communal issues to attract the people to support it and does not bother about the effects of its communalistic attitude."

Dr Mahathir was, however, happy that only a small proportion of the people supported the DAP.

He said another party, which he did not name, was quick in making various accusations like calling other Muslims infidels and making other unfounded allegations.