

PM HITS OUT AT

NEW PARTIES

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PORT DICKSON, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad lashed out at newly-formed political parties today and predicted that they will not survive because their leaders are opportunistic.

"They might say they are providing an alternative. But we know they are opportunistic. We don't have to say it.

"Their leadership is opportunistic. They lack high calibre leaders. As such these parties cannot survive for long," he said.

Speaking at the opening of an Umno Wanita work camp at Pasir Panjang near here, he said: "Good leadership

must have correct and good values."

He said that without high quality leadership no party could remain strong or viable.

The Prime Minister did not name any party but two noteworthy political parties formed within the last one year are Parti Bersatu Sabah, led by Datuk Joseph Pairin Kitingan and Parti Nasionalis Malaysia, led by Puan Zainab Yang, with Cuepacs leader Ahmad Nor as a member.

"We all know what good and bad values are. But it is in the application and practice of good values that a leadership and a party survives or dies," he said.

Dr Mahathir also said that if parties were to be viable, leaders must discharge the trust placed on them.

Happy
Deepavali



The Star wishes all Malaysian Hindus a Happy Deepavali. There will be no publication tomorrow. See centrepages for your holiday TV viewing. Tunku Abdul Rahman continues with the sixth part of his series on the history of Umno on Tuesday.

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