

Hopes for more friendly talks with opposition

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Umno hopes to hold further meetings and discussions with opposing parties to find ways to overcome disunity in the Muslim community. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said Umno had always strove to be friendly with anyone irrespective of their parties or political ideologies and believed that peaceful and sincere discussions could help ease the tension among Muslims.

Addressing over 500 villagers who attended a Quran reading function at Malau mosque, near here last night, the Prime Minister said he found a lot of good from one such meeting recently.

"We invited leaders of a party which opposes Umno to join me for dinner and to discuss ways to ease the tension among Muslims.

"There was no ill-intention on our part because as Muslims we firmly believe that we should resort to the Quran and hadis when we are faced with problems and problems could be overcome through *muzakarah* (discussions).

"Thankfully, the leaders of the other party reciprocated and we discussed. I was satisfied with the discussion because I saw a lot of good attained by both sides.

"Unfortunately, there were those who were absent from the discussion who were unhappy and they tried to deny the positive outcome of the meeting.