

# PM: No tears if C'wealth 5 AUG 1986 breaks up

**PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday he would not cry if the Commonwealth disintegrated as a result of differences over the handling of the South Africa problem.**

Answering questions at a dawn press conference in Kuala Lumpur after Barisan Nasional was returned to power, he said: "My solution to that problem is sanctions. I do not accept any other solution and I think it will be a waste of time being diplomatic and nice."

He added that the seven Commonwealth leaders meeting in London should be thinking of finding a solution to the problem of Black South Africa.

He added that he did not in the first place agree to sending the Eminent Persons to Pretoria as he knew what the outcome would be.

"And sure enough it turned out that way. I think we are not going to get anywhere because I know Margaret also (British Prime Minister Mrs Thatcher)."

Except for Britain, the leaders from India, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Canada, Australia and the Bahamas had agreed at the start of their three-day summit that Pretoria was not making adequate progress in dismantling apartheid.