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FOCUS ON PJ

PETALING JAYA had its beginnings in the early Fifties, as a model squatter resettlement scheme. From an original 1,200 acres it has grown to cover 17.4 square miles. Originally designed as a satellite town with its own shopping areas, industrial zones and housing areas, PJ has lived up to these expectations and more. Today

it is a bustling, self-contained municipality with its own schools shopping complexes, hotels, hospitals, industrial sites and residential areas.

The Malay Mail focuses on Petaling Jaya and the promise it holds in the future in a 17-page supplement starting from P20.

GO ON

MALAYSIA will continue to hang dadah traffickers regardless of their colour or creed, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

"Malaysia is fully committed to combat the drug menace in all its manifestations with every resource that is available to us," he told delegates from 159 governments assembled for the 41st session of the Assembly.

"We have and will continue to hang pushers and traffickers in accordance with our laws irrespective of colour or creed."

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He said Malaysians have been called "barbarians" because they hanged white criminals for dadah offences, "as we hang others for the same crime".

He was referring to the recent execution of two Australians on dadah offences despite pleas for leniency from Australia and other Western nations.

Plan of action

"We would rather be unpopular in certain circles than be hypocritical," said Dr Mahathir.

"It is only when criminals of this kind know that they will not live to

enjoy their ill-gotten gains, that they will stop. The death penalty is primarily a just punishment for such criminals."

He called on the international conference on drug traffic scheduled in June in Vienna to produce a definite plan of action and a firm commitment to fight dadah to the utmost.

"A full-scale war must be waged and that war must be internationalised. The fight to destroy production is too big and too costly for any of the producer countries to wage alone," he said.

"We should pool all our resources and combine all our efforts to remove this scourge that is sapping the vitality of our nations." — Agencies