

# Compete within bounds of the law: PM

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**KUALA TERENGGANU, Thurs.** — The Prime Minister said here today that while it is true that in a multi-party democratic system there is competition for the support of people, the competition should be carried out within the bounds of the law and human decency.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said: "We compete by providing the people with amenities and services and informing them of our plans for the future in the interest of their well-being," he said.

"Those in the opposition have no programmes to offer but merely criticise Government efforts to help the people and maintain harmony among the races."

He said one target of the opposition is the New Economic Policy.

Speaking at a ceremony to lay the foundation stone of the Wakaf Tembusu housing project where some 20,000 people turned up to greet him, the Prime Minister said even though Malaysia is a multi-racial country, the distribution of wealth is done in such a way that no one race is left out.

It is also the Government's concern that there is proper balance so that those who have been left out in the mainstream of development are provided with the necessary assistance.

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the Barisan Nasional-Pas competition for Malay support — the Barisan appealed through implementing policies to benefit the people but Pas tried to gain support through undermining the policies by calling them un-Islamic.

He said while Pas is bent on destroying all that has been achieved by the nation since independence, the Barisan Nasional is constantly coming out with new projects to improve the quality of life of the people.

Though he did not refer to Pas by name, he spoke of party leaders who abuse "the Quran and the hadis for their own political ends."

Dr Mahathir said they were responsible for the un-Islamic admixtures like invincibility and the

eneration of the dead in the religion.

Instead of teaching their children to love, they sow in their minds the seeds of hatred and instead of encouraging unity, they preach disunity.

"To them, it does not matter whether the Muslim community is destroyed and the faith of the Muslims in their religion undermined as long as they achieve their political objectives."

He was happy that the majority of the people of Terengganu had given their support to the Barisan.

The Prime Minister, who is on a three-day visit to the State, will also meet Barisan Nasional leaders tomorrow.

He is accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah.

And whatever the Government does, those in the lower income groups are not forgotten. One project to help them is the construction of low-cost houses.

In the pipeline is 80,000 houses. This effort is not only to help them to buy houses but also to provide them with employment, especially during the period of economic slowdown.

Dr Mahathir compared