

Everyone to benefit: PM

THE Government has privatised many of its projects because it does not want to burden tax-payers further, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said the Government wants to provide as many amenities as possible such as new roads but its efforts are being hampered by the lack funds.

"Our only alternative is to tap the rich private sector by privatising projects. In this way everybody is happy because the people get what they want, the Government is happy because the people are happy and the private sector is happy because it gets the business," he said.

Speaking at the official opening of Jalan Langat in

Klang, Dr Mahathir said such actions show the sincerity of the Barisan Nasional Government in looking after the welfare of the people.

"We are unlike the DAP and Pas, which are making empty promises and spending all its time criticising the Government.

"For them, we never do anything right. The construction of roads and provision of amenities are also criticised," he said.

The Prime Minister said one DAP leader had tried to deny the right of some seven million people by taking legal action to stop the elections.

"The party claimed the Barisan was undemocratic in calling for the elections. If we are undemocratic, we will not have an election at all.

"The DAP is the one which tried to deny the voters their rights and have made a mockery of their so-called 'democratic' ideals," he added.

Dr Mahathir later shook hands with the estimated 500 people who attended the simple ceremony before taking a drive along the new road.

Earlier, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Ahmad Razali Haji Ali urged the people to vote for the Barisan and ignore the opposition, which he said is trying to split the various races and cause trouble.

Also present at the ceremony were several Barisan candidates for the Parliamentary and State seats in Selangor and senior Government officials.