

# Other industries not neglected

DEVELOPMENT of industries other than oil in Terengganu has not been neglected by the Government. The establishment of a silk factory is a clear example of this, Barisan Nasional chairman and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

Under the Government's industrial planning, Terengganu, the Kuwait of Malaysia, has diversified into other areas and has not taken its oil wealth for granted.

Presently oil and gas are found offshore Terengganu and brought onshore to feed various industries, including the Perwaja steel mill, to supply the gas-fired Paka

power station and for use in homes.

Gas from offshore Terengganu will also be piped to other major towns in the south and west coasts of Peninsular Malaysia and to Singapore.

Laying the foundation stone of the silk factory in Cendering industrial estate in Kuala Terengganu, the Prime Minister said the state is the pioneer in silk industry in the country.

The State Government, he added, had bravely set up the industry some years ago. It has since expanded and provided further employment to the people in the area.

This, he said, is uppermost in the minds of the Barisan Nasional leaders.

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Dr Mahathir said the Barisan Government has the people's welfare at heart at all times. It always considers the needs of the rakyat and the amenities they require such as hospitals, clinics and schools.

He asked what the opposition parties had done to benefit the people.

Launching an all-out attack on PAS, which has pledged to set up an Islamic state if it wins, he asked whether the party would be as committed as the BN in promoting industries.

He asked: "Who will administer the laws? Who will be the judges and will Islamic laws apply only to Muslims? What will be the position of non-Muslims in such a state?"

The Prime Minister said PAS, which had set up a united front with opposition parties for the general election, is now courting the other races. It is practising double standards, he said, pointing out that it had labelled Umno as kafir (infidels) for cooperating with non-Muslims but is now doing the same for the sake of winning the elections.

He said PAS cooperation with non-Muslims is unlike that of the BN's which has stood the test of time, having existed for 30 years.

Dr Mahathir warned if the opposition gained power, "we are not sure what kind of Government they will form."