

Dr Mahathir: What's in a name?

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government did not intend to call all Malaysians Bumiputeras when the New Economic Policy expires in 1990.

Mr V. David (DAP-Pu-

chong) had suggested during question time that the Government refer to all Malaysians born in the country as Bumiputeras as this would help achieve national unity.

"What's in a name? Un-

ity is more important. It can be achieved without changing (names). But it will be difficult as long as we have the honorable MP here," Dr Mahathir said causing laughter in the house.