

# All must abide by majority decisions — PM

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DECISIONS made and accepted by the majority must be respected by all parties, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

He said there was no point in holding consultations or meetings, when the decision and election were not respected.

Opening the 36th MIC general assembly, Dr Mahathir said he was proud that the Barisan Nasional had been able to continue with its tradition of holding discussions in an orderly manner.

He said once in a while this tradition was tested, but overall the tradition had been maintained.

Dr Mahathir said any problem that arose was settled through the channels that had been agreed upon, adding that, a number of matters were discussed intelligently, taking into consideration the country's po-

sition, its multi-racial, multi-religious population and agreements made in the past.

"There will be challenges and we should overcome them.

"In doing so, we must not quarrel and be split.

"The best way to overcome them is through negotiations, discussions and meetings," he said.

Dr Mahathir also spoke on the MIC saying that he was proud of the party's achievements in the Barisan Nasional.

"MIC has made a meaningful contribution towards protecting not only the interest of its members, but also the Indian community."

He hoped that the party would continue to be strong, saying that a strong MIC and strong component parties, meant a strong Barisan Nasional.