

PM hits out

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at abuse in

King's name

PENANG, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today certain quarters have been using the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Azlan Shah's name for their political ambitions.

He was commenting on the latest issue of *Aliran* monthly which reported that the Prime Minister's relationship with the King has not been good.

"There are quarters who wants to see my relationship with the King strained and they will resort to all means for their own benefit," Dr Mahathir said.

"For example they have also resorted to using their influence to dismiss penghulus and imams, and apply various pressure on Government servants."

Dr Mahathir told reporters this at a Press conference after accompanying the King at the International Royal Fleet Review.

The Prime Minister also had a close door meeting with State Umno Liaison Committee before the

Press conference.

He said while certain quarters claimed that the present Government was cruel they had themselves resorted to cruel tactics even though they were not the Government.

Dr Mahathir also said the Opposition will take action against him when they come into power because he is against them.

On the Tunku's recent statement that the country is now ruled by a "Dajal", Dr Mahathir said he felt sad over the statement and it had made it very difficult for him to respect the Tunku.

"We respect him for all the contributions he has made over the years but it would be very difficult for us to do so under present circumstances," he added.

On his meeting with the State Umno Liaison Committee, he said in general they discussed certain issues relating to the party and the coming general election.