

Dr M: Only Barisan can ensure harmony

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NIBONG TEBAL, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said the country needs a strong Government to prevent attempts to fan the flames of communal disharmony.

He told a gathering at the Sungai Bakap community ball that only a Government made up of various races such as the Barisan Nasional could ensure racial harmony and stability of the country.

"It is true that we are not satisfied over certain things but this does not mean that we should riot as in other countries."

Dr Mahathir said there

were racial riots even in England where Asians were attacked.

He said Malaysia despite having various races and religions was still stable and progressive.

"We try to solve problems through dialogues and negotiations and because we are a multi-racial Government we ensure that there are no racial riots."

A "Barisan Tiruan" (imitation Barisan) Government, he said, would not be able to ensure stability in the country.

"The Barisan Tiruan comprising Semangat 46, Pas, DAP has no specific

programme for the country and is only interested in winning elections.

"Tengku Razaleigh simply wants to become Prime Minister, and towards this end he is prepared to become friends with Lim Kit Siang and Haji Hadi as he cannot go it alone."

Dr Mahathir who was accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah was given an enthusiastic welcome by the 5,000 crowd.

Later, he addressed a gathering of 10,000 at the Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Setar and warned the people to be wary of politicians who are trying to stir them up against the Government.