

# OFFICERS SHOULD NOT QUERY GOVT DECISIONS: DR M

BUTTERWORTH, Sun. — Government officers should not question the Government's decisions on policies and development programmes, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the Government planned development programmes for the benefit of the people, and it was the duty of every government officer to see to their implementation.

Dr Mahathir, who was on a one-day official visit to Penang, was speaking to about 300 government officers and community leaders at Sekolah Menengah Datuk Onn here.

He said it was important that government officers follow instructions "because the administration will not run smoothly

if they don't obey orders."

He also told them not to be frightened by those who threatened them for doing their job.

He said there had been instances in a particular state where even his instructions had not been carried out because some officers had been threatened.

He said the officers were so afraid that they cancelled a function where the Prime Minister was supposed to speak.

"This is an unhealthy sign and it should not have happened," he said.

He said the people should continue to support a strong and stable government so that development projects could be carried out smoothly.

Later, speaking at a

meeting with community leaders in Sungai Bakap, he said the country would be in turmoil if the opposition gained power.

He said there would be bickering, especially between the DAP and Semangat 46.

"When this happens, the people will be left in the lurch," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the people should be wary of the opposition as it was making use of them.

He said they had gone to great lengths to exploit the people in order to topple the Government.

He added that because of their unethical game the Government had to constantly convince foreign businessmen that Malaysia was a stable and safe country to invest in.

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