

KELANTAN FOLK TOLD: RESTORE KAMPUNG SPIRIT

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PASIR MAS, Thurs. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad urged Kelantanese today to stop letting politics divide them.

The Prime Minister said they should restore the kampung spirit of goodwill and friendship.

He regretted that "kampung folk nowadays do not get along with one another simply because of differing political views."

"We should not let politics divide us," he told about 1,000 people at Kampung Hutan Pasir here.

The Umno president added that the people could always choose who they liked in the general election without having to squabble.

Later, when addressing about 2,000 people at Kampung Banggol Che Wan in Meranti, Dr Mahathir said that certain

quarters were obstructing government efforts to develop Kelantan.

He said the same groups had also caused the division and quarrels.

"Being Malays and Muslims, we must try to be always on good terms with one another and maintain our solidarity," he said.

Dr Mahathir urged the people to elect a government beneficial to them.

He pledged to give spe-

cial attention and more funds to Kelantan.

Dr Mahathir also accepted application forms from about 1,000 former PAS members in Meranti to join Umno.

The members were from 17 PAS branches which were dissolved when they left for Umno.

Dr Mahathir said the "coalition" of PAS, Semangat 46 and the DAP would never work, given the different ideologies of

PAS and the DAP.

The Prime Minister was greeted wherever he went with cloth banners and placards put up by party branches.

One read: *Dr M, Kawe Cayo Demo* (Dr M, We Trust You). Another proclaimed *Mahathir Bapa Kemajuan Melayu*.

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali, was on a one-day whirlwind pre-election tour of Pasir Mas.