

Self-gain drawing rivals together

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of the party's struggle by co-operating with Semangat 46 and the DAP.

Semangat 46, Pas and the DAP have different ideologies but because of self-interest, they are prepared to co-operate.

Addressing 100 participants of a leadership course at Sekolah Menengah Sultan Ibrahim Satu here, Dr Mahathir said anyone who aspires to become Prime Minister could not afford to be parochial.

In an apparent reference to Semangat 46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, he said no Kelantanese could become Prime Minister if he only thinks of his own State.

"Recently I was asked by a Sabahan whether a Sabahan could become Prime Minister. I replied that anyone who only thinks of his own State cannot lead the nation. Only a true Malaysian can."

In his tours, Dr Mahathir was warmly received by the people of Pasir Mas — the parliamentary constituency of Haji Ibrahim Ali, the Semangat 46 Youth chief.

PM: Don't let politics divide us

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PASIR MAS, Thurs.— Politics must not be allowed to divide the people in perpetuity. At the most, differences should be set aside after the heat generated during the general election and all should work for the common good of the people and nation.

This was the message from Prime Minister and Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at three meet-the-people ses-

sions during his tour of the Pasir Mas parliamentary constituency this morning.

However, political differences, especially in Kelantan, have been allowed to reach such a stage that certain quarters are frustrating development efforts.

At the first session in Kampung Hutan Pasir, Dr Mahathir told the gathering that there may be political differences but this does not mean that they should permeate every aspect of life.

Unfortunately, this is happening in Kelantan because of the differences between Umno and other Malay-based parties.

"The differences have threatened the serene way of the kampung people, turning neighbours into enemies and causing misunderstanding among supporters of Umno, Pas and Semangat 46," he said.

This situation must not be allowed to prevail as the people will be the losers.

Dr Mahathir said development efforts would be

thwarted if the people were divided and the country would not have a strong Government.

He noted that Kelantan was comparatively backward unlike the west coast States of Peninsular Malaysia because it was once ruled by the Opposition.

"The Federal Government has and wants to allocate more funds to develop Kelantan.

"But it is faced with obstacles from certain quarters who are obstruct-

ing government officers from implementing projects," he added.

Hence, the people must be cautious when choosing the party to run the State.

"They should elect a party that can work in tandem with the Federal Government," he said.

At a gathering in Kampung Banggol Che Wan in Meranti, Dr Mahathir said the Pas leaders, because of self interest, have lost sight

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