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ernment has worked extremely hard to help the people. I hope the people will not allow these frustrated politicians to shake their faith in us," Dr Mahathir said.

The BN Government had been successful in maintaining peace and stability based on the co-operative spirit of its component parties. The BN had always promoted the spirit of *musyawarah* (consultation) among its constituent members.

Dr Mahathir said only through *musyawarah* could there be effective administration in a plural country like Malaysia, adding that the absence of such element in some developed countries had proved disruptive and destructive.

After the speech, the Prime Minister presented title deeds for fishing equipment to members of the Sepang Fishermen's Association. He then opened the Bagan Lalang Beach Resort, a centre for recreation and seminars.

Later, speaking to reporters after chairing a closed-door meeting with Selangor Umno, Dr Mahathir said the BN manifesto would focus on ways to further strengthen the country's stability, consolidate its economic progress and reduce politicking.

The BN committee, which is drafting the manifesto under the chairmanship of Deputy Prime Minister Ghafar Baba has met several times to finalise the document.

Watch out for fault-finders, says PM

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SEPANG, Sun. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Muhammad told the people today to be wary of "fault-finders" outside the Government who are bent on undermining the strength and stability of the country.

These people, who were behaving like "dogs in the manger", had forgotten the good the Government had done for them, the Prime Minister said.

Addressing a crowd of several thousand people at Bagan Lalang, about 10km

from here, Dr Mahathir said these "fault-finders" were trying to establish themselves as credible Government critics.

He said the Government had always accepted fair and constructive criticism, but this group of people instead chose to churn out rumours and lies about the Government.

Some of these "fault-finders" were Government leaders who had since left and set up a new political platform to further their selfish struggle. Spreading lies and inciting the people

to hate the Barisan Nasional Government appeared to be their speciality, Dr Mahathir added.

He reminded the people to reject these people should they take part in the general election.

Some of these disgruntled politicians had grouped under Semangat 46, a party which is in no position to serve the interest of the majority of the people.

Dr Mahathir singled out Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, leader of Semangat 46, as leading the pack of self-

appointed "fault-finders" with the "dog-in-the-manger" attitude.

He said: "I've offered a ministerial post to Tengku Razaleigh ... but he only wants to be Prime Minister. I can't give that position because I have a responsibility to my colleagues and the people.

"If I give him that post, he will purge all my colleagues in no time. I can't do that," Dr Mahathir said to the delight of the crowd.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed

Ali, Selangor Menteri Besar Tan Sri Muhammad Haji Muhammad Taib, Foreign Minister Datuk Abu Hassan Omar and other State dignitaries.

Consistent with the theme of his speeches when addressing the people during these one-day meet-the-people sessions, Dr Mahathir warned the people of Opposition leaders who were trying to influence the people to take a short-term outlook on contemporary issues.

Abetting foreign lobbyists to get the US Gov-

ernment to remove privileges enjoyed by Malaysia under the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP), running down industrialisation projects which had brought progress and employment, and promoting dubious political alliances seemed to be the thrust of the Opposition right now, the Prime Minister said.

"It is my duty to tell the rakyat what the Opposition is up to. The BN Gov-

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