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KUALA LUMPUR, July 29⁹⁰ (Bernama) -- The people should not use threats and demonstrations to resolve problems, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The people also could not settle matters like the imposition of toll by siding with the opposition parties, he added.

+If the people pick the DAP, what can it do if the government wants to impose toll,+ he told reporters after addressing a gathering at Bandar Tun Razak to wind up his five-hour tour of the Federal Territory.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir was responding to a question on whether the Barisan Nasional was prepared to do away with the proposed toll on Jalan Cheras if it won the Sungai Besi parliamentary seat in the next general election.

+We dare not say that we will abolish it, but we can study the matter,+ he said. -- more

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When the bus carrying Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir and his delegation reached the Jalan Cheras toll plaza while on their way to Bandar Tun Razak, a group of people protested the proposed toll there by displaying placards and posters.

DAP Member of Parliament for Sungai Besi, Encik Tan Kok Wai, was seen with the group.

The prime minister said the DAP was politicising the proposed toll to fish for votes and did not have the intention to serve the people.

He said the government had built roads to facilitate travel but the people must be willing to pay some toll to help ease the financial burden on the government.

+If people want everything for free, where is the government going to find the money?+ he asked.

Although the people might have to pay toll, they would still gain through less petrol consumption and vehicle maintenance due to good roads,+ he said. -- Bernama