

# Dr M: Opposition trying to pit Tunku against me

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the opposition is trying to field Tunku Abdul Rahman against him in his Kubang Pasu constituency in the general election.

He said the first Prime Minister was loved by everyone and no one should say anything against the Tunku because he was a highly respected man in the country and the world.

"But because of another Tunku, people have become angry with Tunku Abdul Rahman.

"I am not angry with him . . . I respect him," Dr Mahathir told a large gathering at Bandar Tun Razak here as part of his quick tour of the Federal Territory.

He was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali, Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Elyas Omar, Deputy Minister in the PM's Department and the MP for Titiwangsa Drs Suleiman Mohamed, Federal Territory MCA

Youth chief Tan Chai Ho and FT MIC chairman Datuk S. Subramaniam.

Also present were MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and Gerakan president Datuk Dr Lim Keng Yaik. **5 30 JUL 1990**

Dr Mahathir said "the other Tunku" took Tunku Abdul Rahman everywhere, even in a wheelchair, and made him make speeches despite his poor health.

He said "the Tunku" had also made Tunku Abdul Rahman campaign for PAS to unseat him (Dr Mahathir) in Kubang Pasu.

Dr Mahathir also said he did not understand why urban dwellers did not want to support the ruling party whenever there was an election.

"We have built roads, beautified the areas and provided electricity but they still reject us," he said.

"I don't know what else they want from the Government because we have given them everything," he said.

He hoped that the urban dwellers

would support the ruling party this time around because the Government had brought much development to them.

At every place Dr Mahathir visited, he was given a rousing welcome by huge crowds, complete with beating of the *kompang* and lion dance performances.

His first stop was Air Panas in Setapak where he opened a \$1.3 million market.

Later he spoke to about 5,000 members of Barisan Nasional component parties, stallholders and residents who turned up to meet him.

Dr Mahathir's next stop was Gombak where he opened a housing scheme developed by City Hall. The more than 2,000 low-cost flats in the scheme were sold at \$22,000 each although the cost price was \$25,000.

In Kepong, Dr Mahathir opened the Bandar Menjalara housing project while in Kuchai, he opened the \$350 million Entrepreneurs Park which comprises apartments and factory units.