

# PM: Don't be tricked by the opposition parties

SEREMBAN, Fri. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad warned the people today not to be taken in by the lies and tricks of opposition parties.

The Prime Minister said their leaders, especially Semangat 46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah, would stir up racial sentiments just to gain the people's support.

One example, he said, was Tengku Razaleigh's statement that Semangat was prepared to appoint a Chinese as a Deputy Prime Minister if the party was elected to power.

He added: "Tengku Razaleigh has teamed up with PAS and DAP not because he wants to form the Government but because he does not want to be beaten badly in the coming general election."

The only reason Semangat 46 formed a coalition pact was because it needed their votes, he told about 1,500 Barisan Nasional supporters.

"Semangat 46 is actually a small party led by a leader who has big ambitions," Dr Mahathir said.

He also said any award bestowed on him by foreign countries, such as the one he received in Venezuela recently, was an honour to all Malaysians and the country.

MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu, Gerakan president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik and Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Mohamed Isa Abdul Samad also spoke at the function.