

# PM: Razaleigh 'will lose if he contests

KLANG, Sat. **S Prime** Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that Semangat 46 president Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah will lose if he contests in the general election.

He said the opposition leader would not win if he stood against an Umno candidate anywhere.

"Tengku Razaleigh represents a small break-away group of Umno members of about 10,000 to 20,000 and his sole ambition is to become the Prime Minister," Dr Mahathir told a large gathering in Kapar near here.

He said Tengku Razaleigh was using the DAP and PAS to try and gain victory because Semangat 46 could not hope to win on its own.

"He claims that Semangat 46 has Umno's philosophy but he works with the DAP and PAS and both the parties have different ideologies," he said.

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Government's move to provide padi subsidy and development to the people had been interpreted by some groups as trying to buy votes.

"Our contributions to the people are sincere and we feel it is our responsibility to give them the best," he added.

On the date for the general election, Dr Mahathir said: "We are prepared and we can call for election even now."

He also said that the police had conducted a study on public rallies but no decision had been made on whether they would be allowed.

Dr Mahathir said that although such rallies were disallowed under the law, there were parties that had held such gatherings.

He said the biggest rallies were held in Penang recently by DAP, PAS and Semangat 46.

Dr Mahathir said police could take action against them, but did not.