

# PM: Anti-Government civil servants at work

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**GUA MUSANG Sat.** — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed regret that there was a small number of civil servants who blatantly disregarded civil service regulations to campaign against the Government.

The Prime Minister said it was brought to his attention that a certain district officer in Kelantan had not only criticised the Government but openly indicated that he would contest on a Semangat 46 ticket in the coming general election.

Replying to questions from the Press here this morning, he said he would

be surprised if the Kelantan Public Services Commission did not take any action against the district officer.

Dr Mahathir said he was made aware that the district officer claimed he and Semangat 46 president, Tengku Razaleigh Ham-

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zah, had brought development to Gua Musang.

Meanwhile, a Kelantan Barisan Nasional source said the district officer referred to by the Prime Minister was at the dinner held by the local Chinese community in honour of

the Prime Minister last night.

Asked on the meeting with Kelantan BN leaders here last night, Dr Mahathir said he was satisfied with the progress of preparations of the general election in the State.

However, the State BN would be given some time to sort out the few remaining problems, including tracing missing voters.

Asked to elaborate, the Prime Minister said their names appeared in the electoral rolls but they were nowhere to be found.

On how long the BN had to complete this exercise, Dr Mahathir replied it would take up to a month.

The Prime Minister said he suspected that the problem of missing voters was the result of deliberate attempts by certain quarters.

Dr Mahathir said: "I want all preparations to be completed so that I am free to decide when the election is to be held."

Asked what was discussed at the meeting he had with heads of Umno State liaison committee on Thursday night in Seri Perdana, the Prime Minister said they exchanged views on the progress of election preparations and the selection of candidates.

It was a preliminary meeting to discuss their preparations and the final selection of candidates.