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KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.
— Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he expects the Opposition to "contradict themselves" throughout the election campaigning period.

Commenting on a recent statement by PAS information chief Haji Subky Latif that the party would drop the term *Islamic State* in their manifesto, the Prime Minister said:

"They told the Chinese press that they will drop the term *Islamic State*. Unfortunately for them, the report was also carried by the Malay papers.

"As they speak in two or three languages to different people, this type of contradiction will happen throughout the campaign period," he told newsmen after launching *Khidmat*, the official voicepiece for the Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Management Planning Unit (Mampu) today.

Asked about the newly-formed Gagasan Rakyat by the Opposition, Dr Mahathir said Umno had expected the Opposition to set up the pact among themselves.

On the dropping of several key MIC and MCA candidates from the election list, Dr Mahathir said:

"I have no comment on this. We thank these leaders for serving the Government and for letting new faces take over.

"In any election there will be candidates who will be dropped. In the past, there were candidates who were dropped on behalf of those who have now been dropped, and now it is their turn to make way for others.

"We are glad that these leaders accept the decision of their parties well," he said.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir said the privatisation policy, which had been successfully implemented in stages, would continue to be adopted by the Government.

"We will continue to adopt this policy in detail and more aggressively.

"Privatisation has helped to increase government revenue and has directly increased the benefits for civil servants in agencies that have not been privatised," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the government administration had been successful in improving its performance and it had a very good achievement record.

"The government administration machinery has received praises from Commonwealth countries and the World Bank," he said.

He added that the Government was committed to improving the public sector services and automation would be increased to improve the services.