

'Opposition putting up act'

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Pas and the DAP are putting on an act by appearing to be not co-operating with each other in the general election, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"This is all a play and a lie," he said in response to questions at a Press conference after launching the Barisan Nasional manifesto at the BN headquarters at the Menara Datuk Onn.

He said the DAP and Pas did not field candidates in the same constituencies so as to enable each other's supporters to back them.

However, he said, they were trying to hide this fact from their supporters.

Dr Mahathir said they feared that if it was known

that the DAP was co-operating with Pas or Semangat 46, the Chinese voters would not support the DAP.

"Therefore, they are hiding this fact from the Chinese voters by saying that the DAP and Pas are not co-operating with each other.

"But we know that by not fielding their candidates in the same constituencies, they are supporting one another. We also find that there are Pas members who joined Hamim and contest as Semangat 46 candidates. This is all a *sandiwara* (play)."

Dr Mahathir said the Opposition's strategy was to "speak in different languages to different groups of people" in order to get support.