

PM: Rumours about me still being circulated

ALOR STAR, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said certain quarters have been spreading rumours about him, saying that he was ill and needed another operation.

Dr Mahathir said that he was seen in public most of the time, but these quarters still spread rumours that he was ill.

They said that he had recently sought treatment in England although he actually went there for another reason.

He was surprised that these quarters still said he was sick although they had seen him in public. The Prime Minister was talking to reporters after arriving at the Kepala Batas airport.

He was here to break fast at the Teluk Malek mosque in Jitra.

He said that he did not understand the real aim of

these quarters who spread the rumours.

The Prime Minister, however, said that there was a possibility that those who spread the rumours wanted to create a negative effect on the stock market.

Another possibility was that they wanted to jeopardise the development of the country, he said.

Responding to a question that the rumours might be aimed at jeopardising his vision of a developed Malaysia for the year 2020, he said that the development of the country would continue even if he was no longer around.

"There are many others who will carry on the development of this country to achieve that target."

Dr Mahathir later spent some time visiting Pekan Rabu where he bought some cakes and other items.