

Semangat 46 will sink, says Dr M

ALOR STAR, Fri. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Semangat 46 will "sink" as its struggles are meaningless and it does not have the support of the people.

He said the party had failed to achieve any significant success and had only managed to win a few seats in Kelantan. Elsewhere the party had no support, he added.

Dr Mahathir who arrived here on his way to break fast

with the people at the Mada complex in Koding, said many members of the party, including State Assemblymen and MPs, had realised the futility of their struggle and now wanted to join Umno.

He said they were formerly from Umno and Umno would accept them if they applied to become members.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, however, stressed that they should not join the party merely to

seek important posts in it but should instead struggle for the benefit of the people and country.

"Surely they do not intend to join Umno merely to seek important posts in the party," he said.

On the Kelantan State Government's move to amend its constitution to expel Assemblymen who crossed over to other parties, he said it had a right to do so.

The Prime Minister, who

was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, was received at the airport by Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Haji Osman Aroff, other VIPs and Barisan Nasional representatives.

The Prime Minister and his wife visited the well-established Malay trading centre — Pekan Rabu where he bought some Traditional Malay dress and songkok before departing for Koding.