

# Dr M warns of agents of Western countries

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SEREMBAN, Sun. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today exposed two groups of "agents" of Western powers promoting Western-style democracy which puts individual freedom above the community.

He said the first group were "true agents" who had mentors actively helping them, while the second group were mere "parrots" echoing what their mentors in Western countries said.

The Prime Minister said these two groups were not politicians as they were afraid of entering politics. However, their actions had political implications.

"They use the foreign media and the influence of other countries in their activities. They send all kinds of baseless information about Malaysia saying that we are not stable politically."

Dr Mahathir was speaking at a Press conference at the Municipal Hall here after he gave a briefing for community leaders and Government officers on Vision 2020 to make Malaysia a developed nation by the

year 2020.

He said the activities of these "agents" would destroy the country if they were allowed to proliferate.

Asked what action would be taken against them, the Prime Minister said the Government would only take the "democratic action" of explaining the true situation to the people and to expose these groups.

He said the Western style of democracy of placing individual freedom above the community was not suitable for Malaysia.

Earlier, in his speech to the community leaders, he cited cases where individuals in the West could act in the name of personal freedom and jeopardise the community's morals.

He said a decent small-town community in the United States could not stop an X-rated cinema from operating within their midst even though the entire community did not want it there.

He added that if personal freedom was given too much emphasis, what was

at one time frowned upon would eventually be acceptable because everyone was allowed to "do his own thing".

He cited instances of marriages and divorces between homosexuals and between lesbians as examples.

Dr Mahathir said what was most important in a democracy was the fact that leaders had to be elected.

"If the people cannot change their leaders, there will be a dictatorship and there will not be a caring society.

"We are all working hard now because we know we can be replaced at the next election," he said pointing to the line of State leaders on stage with him.

He added that in a system where leaders could not be changed, there would not be much progress.

As an example of democracy alive and well in Malaysia, he cited Kelantan where the Barisan Nasional State Government was replaced by a Pas-led State Government.