

Vision 2020 is not contrary to Islam, says Dr M

MALACCA, Fri. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the Government's "Vision 2020" plan to achieve developed country status within 30 years was not contrary to Islamic values.

He said the concept of a developed nation did not mean that it would surely lose its morals.

"We want to progress but not necessarily to the extent of some Western countries where freedom means being naked. That we do not want.

"We can be developed without being naked. If there are people who want to be naked to be progressive, then it's up to them," he said when commenting on allegations by PAS that "Vision 2020" was not Islamic in nature.

Dr Mahathir said there was no question of the Government not instilling Islamic values while moving towards its goal.

He said the Government was fully aware of the need to instil Islamic and moral values.