

# PM: We've yet to decide on water management in States

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MALACCA, Fri. — The Federal Government has not decided on how it will take over water management in the States. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the exact nature of the proposed takeover was still being discussed but the Federal Government should play a bigger role in water supply, now under the jurisdiction of the respective State governments.

Dr Mahathir, who spoke

to reporters after attending the National Youth Day rally here, was commenting on proposals for the takeover, following water supply problems faced by some States.

On the implementation of the \$250 million pipe-laying project to channel water from the Muar River to the Durian Tunggal dam here, he said it would be done swiftly.

On Pas claims that his vision to create a developed Malaysia by 2020 did not

contain Islamic values, Dr Mahathir said the vision did not mean that Malaysia would develop according to western ideals.

"To be developed does not mean we will turn into a permissive society and condone nudity," he said.

Asked what he thought about Kelantan Menteri Besar Haji Nik Aziz Nik Mat's statement that the Federal Government did not discriminate against Pas-led Kelantan, Dr Mahathir said: "Thank God".