

# Start by being honest, PM tells Kelantan

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — The PAS Government in Kelantan should mend its ways and start being honest to the people if relations with the Federal Government is to improve.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that while the Federal Government wanted to provide development aid to the state, it (the aid) was being politicised.

"When we give aid,

their (PAS) people will go to the villages and say that we have to give irrespective of who is in charge," he said.

Dr Mahathir added that the state government's action in dismissing federal-appointed *penghulus* was irresponsible.

"These people are entrusted to carry out development in the state.

"The people who replaced them are against the Federal Government and this is why we find it difficult to help the state," Dr Mahathir said after opening the Mer-

deka Studio complex and the ninth Malaysian Film Festival in Ulu Klang.

Dr Mahathir was also disappointed with the party's criticism of the Federal Government's poverty eradication programme and the 2020 vision for a developed nation.

He said these projects would benefit the whole country.

Asked if he is willing to meet Kelantan Menteri Besar Haji Nik Aziz Nik Mat who planned to visit him here, he said: "*Insyah Allah* (God willing)."