

CNS8954

R GE 17-06 00182 EA076

aae tbe

Parliament-vision

bm

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Barisan Nasional (BN) government would continue with its efforts at nation-building in face of propaganda from opposition parties.

Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad said that based on this principle, the government had formulated the Vision 2020 national objective to ensure a better standard of living for the people and prevent exploitation by other countries.

+The Vision 2020 is not for the Barisan Nasional but for Malaysia and its people,+ he said when replying to Encik Ahmad Nor (DAP-Bayan Baru) who wanted to know whether Vision 2020 was a BN strategy to remain in power.

The Prime Minister said the BN did not want to be greedy and ignore development efforts just because its present-day leaders would not be around to enjoy the end-result.

+The BN government does not plan for its own interests. We plan and implement this objective as it is our duty as the government,+ he said. -- more

♥17/06/17-54MST

aae tbe

Parliament-vision 2 Kuala Lumpur

He added that the BN government was disappointed over the negative attitude of some people towards efforts by the government to improve their lot.

He said that though Malaysia had already entered the field of industrialisation, much more needed to be done as past development efforts were only to act as a foundation for future progress.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said that Vision 2020 was not against Islam as it would be implemented in accordance with the principles and teachings of Islam.

+What is important is the adoption of Islamic values and not allegations on how Islamic the vision is,+ he said, adding that the BN government emphasised the teachings of Islamic practices and not the word Islam in its programmes.

However, the Prime Minister said Vision 2020, being formulated by humans, would not be infallible. -- more

♥17/06/17-59MST

CNS8962

R GE 17-06 00160 EA078

aae tbe

Parliament-vision 3 Kuala Lumpur

He also took to task certain groups who refused to admit the success they have achieved through the nation's development so far and said these people were those who did not know how to be grateful.

To a supplementary question by Haji Hadi Awang (PAS-Marang), the Prime Minister said the government gave priority to development which was not against the teachings of Islam.

However, he pointed out that if the term Islamic nation meant a country which implemented Hudud laws, then it could be said that there were no Islamic nations in the world today.

To another question by Encik Ahmad, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said he could offer no guarantees on what the next 30 years would bring for the nation.

+But this does not mean that we should not plan to make Malaysia a developed nation,+ he said. -- Bernama

♥17/06/17-00MST