

# PM SURE OF 6TH PLAN'S SUCCESS DESPITE DOUBTS

DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is confident the aims of the Sixth Malaysia Plan and National Development Policy will be achieved despite attempts by the Opposition to undermine its efforts.

The Prime Minister, in winding up the debate on the plan, said Malaysia was rapidly developing and capable of attracting huge investments in spite of allegations by Mr Lim Kit Siang (DAP - Tanjung).

"If what the Mr Lim says of the Government is true, it would be impossible for Malaysia to be ahead of almost every other developing country in terms of progress and achievements," he said.

Dr Mahathir said even the World Bank had on many occasions used Malaysia as a model for developing countries.

He also said that Kedah Menteri Besar Tan Sri Osman Aroff need not resign over the Malacca ammunition depot issue even though he was a partner in Sri Kinabalu, the depot contractor, as a director he did not oversee the day-to-day running of the company.

He said that if Tan Sri Osman was required to resign then Mr Lim, as DAP Director of Elections in Penang, should resign as he was morally responsible for the party's defeat.

On Petronas buying

shares in Sri Kuda, the developer of the proposed multi-billion ringgit Kuala Lumpur City Centre, Dr Mahathir said it was purely a commercial decision.

He said the Government insisted that Sri Kuda allocate 50 per cent of the land for a public park and this meant the buying price was increased by 100 per cent.

At any rate, Petronas, had only agreed in principle to take up 51 per cent of the shares of Sri Kuda, he said.

An independent valuation firm had been assigned to value the land and Petronas would only buy the stake if it was profitable, he said.

When touching on the

second link between Johor and Singapore, Dr Mahathir said the Mr Lim was provoking the 10,000 residents of Gelang Patah to oppose the project which was tantamount to "economic sabotage."

Mr Lim: Is this a notice or warning that I will be soon detained for the third time? I have only said that 10,000 people will be affected and that UEM was getting all the profits. Economic sabotage, indeed.

Dr Mahathir: Umno does not own any companies. only its members. He said 'this is a notice of arrest.' Maybe (he will) use this in Prai (by-election) to further discredit the Government.