

# PM: We'll not be guided by racial sentiments

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DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir <sup>☺</sup> ~~Mohamad said~~ yesterday the Government will be guided by objectives of national development and not racial sentiments when acquiring land under the Land Acquisition Act.

The Prime Minister said the opposition had twisted the aims of the Act by saying the Government was trying to rob non-Bumiputeras of their land.

Describing the allegations as "irresponsible and dangerous", he said the Government would not take into consideration whether the land belonged to a Bumiputera or non-Bumiputera when acquiring it for development.

"We will not use racial sentiments. This is not the Barisan Nasional way of running the country," he said at the 20th Gerakan delegates meeting.

Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, said it was vital for the Government to be given powers to acquire land for continued development as there was not much Government land left.

"The amendment is for the good of people in view of the increasing population and need for development," he said.

The Bill was recently approved by the Dewan Rakyat.