

# Let nations shape own future,

## From Balan Moses

NEW YORK, Mon. — The thrust of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's address at the United Nations tomorrow will be the freedom of developing nations to shape their own destiny without interference by developed nations.

The Prime Minister, who will be the fifth speaker af-

ter the King of Swaziland, the Prime Minister of the Marshall Islands and the Foreign Ministers of Portugal and Japan, will also underline the fact that democracy should not be imposed according to the values held by developed nations.

Dr Mahathir is expected to drive home the point that developing nations should be allowed to chart their

own course in the context of their respective societies.

In this respect, the developed world should drop its "Big Brother" attitude towards developing nations for a policy of mutual respect.

The Prime Minister, who arrived here late last night after a six-day visit to Mexico, has a packed five-day programme ahead of him.

Later today, he will attend a luncheon with South Korean President Roh Tae Woo before visiting the New York Islamic Centre where he will present a US\$100,000 (\$276,000) contribution to the chairman of the project development committee Mohammad A. Abulhassan.

He will later attend a dinner hosted by the Malaysian permanent representative

to the UN Tan Sri Razali Ismail.

Tomorrow, he will have a breakfast meeting with former US Secretary of State Dr Henry Kissinger before meeting Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez.

He will then attend a luncheon hosted by UN secretary-general Javier Perez De Cuellar.

Dr Mahathir will then call

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on the president of the UN general assembly Samir S. Shihabi.

On Wednesday, he is scheduled to attend a discussion with the Malaysia-US private sector consultative group and address the Asia Society on the topic *The Malaysian Economy: The Way Forward*.

He will later meet editors and senior executives of the

*Wall Street Journal*.

On Thursday, the Prime Minister will address the council on foreign relations on the topic The East Asia Economic Group (EAEG).

He will then meet the president of the Supreme National Council of Cambodia Prince Norodom Sihanouk. Dr Mahathir is scheduled to leave for Kuala Lumpur on Friday.

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