

# PM: Muslims will not practise discrimination

PAPAR, Fri.-Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today gave an assurance that Muslims would not discriminate against others although they formed the majority in the Government.

He said Muslims must bear in mind that if they discriminated against others, the image of Islam would be tarnished.

What we want is a situation where all races, irrespective of their religious backgrounds, are able to tolerate each other.

"We do not want Muslims to be subjected to discrimination and hence we should not discriminate against others," he told a gathering at Masjid Jame after performing Friday prayers with the Muslim community here.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysians should look to other nations whose majority were non-Muslims who did not discriminate against the Muslim minority.

"We want Muslims in Malaysia to be fair to others...that's what we want,"

he said. **NSI 02MAY 1992**  
On the Kelantan State Government's proposal to impose the "hudud" laws, the Prime Minister said if it was implemented, Muslims in Malaysia would be thought of as cruel people.

The Prime Minister said there were many other countries, which did not implement "hudud" laws, although Muslims formed the majority of their population.

He said if the Kelantan Government thought that Muslims must practise the

"hudud" laws, then 90 per cent of the Muslims in the world, who did not observe them, should be deemed to be non-Muslims.

"I hope Nik Aziz (the Kelantan Menteri Besar) will study the hudud law proposal thoroughly before implementing it."

The Kelantan Government can do what it wants but it must accept responsibility for any implications.

He suspected that the move to implement the "hudud" laws was politically-motivated.