

PM: Barisan formula is the key to success

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HULU LANGAT: The answer to peace, stability and economic growth lies in the winning formula of Barisan Nasional, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.

The Prime Minister said the formula of consensus had been the main reason the country was able to prosper.

"We should be thankful that we have the Barisan Nasional in that each community is represented and is able to look after their own interests while considering the views of other communities," he said.

"The BN formula has helped us curb racial sentiments without side stepping it like in other countries.

"With racial sentiments under check, there is peace and we are able to concentrate on economic growth resulting in Malaysia being one of the most developed among developing countries.

"If we ask why we are where we are, the answer is Barisan Nasional which is a special organisation with a system that cannot be found elsewhere," he told Selangor BN division leaders in a meeting at the Dusun Tua youth camp here.

Dr Mahathir said the Barisan was capable of administering the country fairly for all races unlike some other parties which ignore racial sentiments.

"It is not like the DAP which claims to be a multi-racial party but is guided by policies made by only one race.

"This was demonstrated by DAP secretary-general Lim Kit Siang when he tried to get back into Parliament after being suspended from Parliament.

"He only sought the help of the Chinese, not the Malays, not the Indians," he said, adding that the PBS also have the

same characteristics.

Dr Mahathir said the people were enjoying the fruits of development and many had improved their lifestyles because of the Barisan.

"We are fortunate. There are many countries now that are breaking up because the people there never confronted racial sentiments which exploded into the open," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who is Barisan chairman, also urged the people to inculcate noble values and practise moderation which are necessary for national growth.

"We must do away with extremist ways and views and act responsibly," he said.

The Prime Minister had earlier launched the Selangor Kampung Ku programme here.

He also opened the Tunas Nasional camp for youths at Kampung Sungai Chongkak.