

Utusan Malaysia

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THE *UTUSAN MALAYSIA* has made an apology on its front page today to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad over the recent language controversy.

The *Utusan Malaysia*'s front page was shown over TV3 after its late news last night. It is a regular feature for TV3 to highlight the main headlines of several major newspapers after the news bulletin.

The Umno supreme council on Saturday had urged the Utusan Group to apologise for making an issue out of the Prime Minister's interview in English with an Indonesian TV station.

RCTI-TV, a private TV station, had requested Dr Mahathir to speak in English during the interview held when he was in Jakarta early last month for the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) summit for the benefit of the NAM delegates and other foreigners in Indonesia.

In its page one item today, the *Utusan Malaysia* said its reporter in Jakarta had unintentionally made a mistake when reporting on the matter.

On Sept 9, on his return from the NAM summit, Dr Mahathir was asked by reporters to comment on the use of English in advertisements on television.

Dr Mahathir replied that he had noted an increase in the use of the English language in Indonesia during his visit compared to the previous occasions when he was in that country.

Dr Mahathir also said the use of English was meant for specific target audiences who would understand English better than Malay.