
PM: Govt has been able to create jobs

SIMPANG AMPAT: The Government has been successful in creating jobs, the Prime Minister said.

"In fact, we have created a situation which is rare elsewhere where the employers are competing to offer higher wages to attract workers. The situation has also attracted workers from Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Bangladesh," ~~Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad~~ said yesterday.

"Even those who have migrated to Australia have returned home because of unemployment and drop in wages in that country."

Speaking at the launching of the Tasek growth centre near here, the Prime Minister said the Government would continue to help the people.

He said the Government had sacrificed revenue because it did not tax many companies setting up factories here.

"When we do get 35 per cent in corporate taxes, it does not go into our pockets, but goes back to the people in increased job opportunities and development projects."

He also said workers should be aware that there was not even one union which had tried to create such job opportunities for them.

Instead, certain union leaders like their members to strike, asked them to work to rule and carry out other threats, he said.

He asked workers to be wary of union leaders, including those from MTUC, who did not bother about the unemployed as they were only interested in working members.

Dr Mahathir left for Kuala Lumpur in the evening.

At a press conference at the Bayan Lepas airport, he said the Government would review the sewerage system and upgrade it.

The Prime Minister said that when the evaluation was found feasible, "we will try to privatise the system."

"This will ensure that the Government will not be burdened by expenditures," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he was happy with the development in Penang, especially in its cleanliness.