

# BN way helps to promote stability, says PM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Barisan Nasional way of overcoming problems has not only helped promote political stability but economic development as well.

Dr Mahathir said the Malaysian way of overcoming its racial problems stem from its strong co-operative spirit, give and take and tolerance among its leaders and parties which represent the various races in the country.

He added that the concept adopted by the BN was initiated by the Alliance and this has proven to be good for the country. In fact, he was confident that if the concept was not introduced, Malaysia could probably be like other multi-racial country where racial riots are common.

He said European countries and America which criticised Malaysia for what they refer to as Malaysia's discrimination policies which favours the Bumiputeras did not even grant citizenship to those who came to settle in their countries.

Instead, they kill and destroy those who are not of the same ethnic group as the citizens, the Prime Minister said.

The Nazis and fascists among them still exist, Dr Mahathir said, adding that these same people have the cheek to speak of human rights and democracy.

Speaking at the annual general assembly of the MCA, Dr Mahathir said he was happy that MCA was becoming stronger and being respected as a party representing the Chinese.

He congratulated the party for taking the initiative to launch the Langkawi Project in providing educational facilities to students in rural areas which also benefitted non-Chinese.

He said that no community can claim that they have been neglected by the Government, a fact which are not always seen in other multi-racial countries.

"In some countries, the people suffer because the racial conflict often lead to killings, hunger and other miseries such as lack of medicines to help the sick.