

# Pulau Tuba gets NST 21 MAY 1994 promise of growth

PULAU TUBA (Langkawi), Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today indicated that the Federal Government will develop Pulau Tuba for tourism.

Speaking at a gathering of about 1,000 residents of the island at a public field here, the Prime Minister said the Federal Government would provide facilities on the island to stimulate its development.

However, Dr Mahathir requested the people of the island to co-operate with the Government by not letting themselves be influenced by certain quarters who would claim that development on the island would cause environmental degradation.

"Don't listen to them. These people sit in air-conditioned offices...and we will lose if we listen to them."

Dr Mahathir said he would think of something for the residents of Pulau Tuba.

"I will find a way to develop Pulau Tuba that will benefit the people," said Dr Mahathir who made his first visit to the island since he became the Prime Minister.

"My first visit to this island was in 1956 when I was a medical officer in Langkawi."

Dr Mahathir also advised the islanders not to hastily dispose of their land when getting offers to sell their properties but should instead find a way to own equity in the project.