

# 'Electoral roll rules must be rectified'

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad thanked the Election Commission for saying that it would rectify the mistake in the electoral rolls.

Dr Mahathir said he did not blame the commission for the discrepancy over the 4,500 names in the Kelantan Election Commission's list.

He, however, reiterated that the rules and regulations had to be rectified as it allowed access to certain unscrupulous people to do "something which is not right" resulting in the irregularities.

He said it would be very difficult for the

commission with a small staff to supervise the work of temporary workers during the registration exercise.

As long as the peculiar procedures were not corrected, Dr Mahathir said it would be difficult to overcome the problem.

Election Commission chairman Datuk Harun Din had earlier said the mistake was a result of miscommunication and misunderstanding.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on the matter after witnessing the signing of a memorandum of understanding between a Malaysian company Diversified Resources Berhad and two Japanese companies for the manufacture of Ma-

laysia's first national motorcycle project.

Asked about a recent report in a regional magazine that the economic adviser to the Government, MP for Merbok Tun Daim Zainuddin, had written a letter expressing his intention to withdraw from contesting in the coming general election, Dr Mahathir said he had not received such a letter.

"As far as I know, I have not received such a letter," he said.

He said Daim also did not make known to him his desire to resign.

However, Dr Mahathir said he could not say whether Daim would be listed as candidate in the coming election.