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# Dr M annoyed poison dumped in Pangkor

DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was very annoyed over the dumping of potassium cyanide in Pangkor with total disregard for the safety of people and the environment.

He said although there had been many Press reports on the danger of dumping toxic waste, such incidents continued to happen.

Dr Mahathir said the Government had tried to build a plant to treat toxic waste but this was met with protests from the people.

He said it had been ex-

plained that the plant would be built at a safe distance from where people lived. But because of political agitation by Opposition parties, the building of the plant had not materialised.

He said the Opposition parties had protested against the building of the plant without suggesting any alternative sites.

Dr Mahathir said it was better for Malaysia to have the toxic waste treatment plant as soon as possible. The Opposition should stop its nonsensical protests since Malaysia cannot have

industries without producing toxic waste.

He said the Government would study the penalties imposed on dumping of toxic waste and if necessary impose heavier penalties.

He said the Opposition had also protested the acquisition of land for development purposes and added that Governments in other countries also acquired land for development.

"Even the Pas-led State Government acquires land. And yet the Opposition continues to instigate people against it," he added.