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DAP PROPAGANDA NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE, SAYS PM

SERI ISKANDAR, May 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the people are wise to the propaganda of opposition parties like the DAP because they now know that the government only wants to develop the nation.

"The people are now aware. Previously they supported the DAP because of its propaganda but now the urbanites support the government because they know that we have no other intention but to develop the country," he told reporters after opening Safire Phamarceuticals (M) Sdn Bhd's new factory, here.

He was asked to comment on the Saturday by-election for the Teluk Intan state seat which will see a straight fight between the BN's Dr Chee See Choke and M. Kula Segaran of the DAP.

Dr Mahathir said: "We can show proof that we have developed the country until it now enjoys rapid economic growth and has no unemployment except for people who do not want to work."

He asked the DAP whether it could name a developing country that had achieved economic growth as rapidly as Malaysia.

The development level achieved by Malaysia was not the work of the DAP because it could not do anything but criticise, he added.

Hence, the DAP was now seeking "sympathy votes" but the people of Teluk Intan were intelligent people and would not simply be taken in by the DAP propaganda, he said.

He also expressed sadness that the DAP was still playing up racial issues although other countries regarded Malaysia as a model where the various races could live in harmony.

He said the party should drop this issue and play up other issues.

"In Malaysia everyone has a place but the DAP only wants one race more than the others," he added. -- BERNAMA

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