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Ling: We cannot satisfy everyone's needs fully

JOHOR BARU, Sun. - While the Government takes into consideration the needs of all races in the country, it cannot satisfy their needs totally, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said that if a particular race was 100 per cent happy, other races would be unhappy, adding that in a multi-racial country, there should be equal distribution of wealth.

"Ironically, if each race feels a little unhappy, then, this is the right approach."

"The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, cannot satisfy all the races with 100 per cent commitment.

"However, Dr Mahathir is a good listener and collector of feedback from the people and very few world leaders can match his wisdom," said Dr Ling.

He was asked to comment on Dr Mahathir's statement in Riyadh after receiving the King Faisal International Prize, where Dr Mahathir spoke on the need for good Government which, in the case of Malaysia, includes being fair to non-Muslims.

Earlier, Dr Ling, who is also Transport Minister, had officiated at the Johor MCA village headmen's meeting in Kluang.

On complaints of flight delays, Dr Ling said the new airport in Sepang, with features which include a double runway, would reduce some of the problems.

"I agree we have received complaints of delays or the flight schedules being changed...this is unavoidable, as is the case with all airports in the world, due to peak hours or bad weather.

"We are doing all we can to clear the traffic and reduce delays." On a proposal from the Malacca MCA to venture into the crematorium business and the profits to be ploughed back into schools and community services, he said the MCA would make an in-depth study into the proposal which he described as a "good idea".

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