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Government willing to make more disclosures

SHAH ALAM, Mon. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government will make further disclosures of its decisions concerning projects if that is what the people want.

Dr Mahathir was asked by reporters on whether the recent disclosures of companies awarded privatisation contracts and individuals given special share allocations would now be the norm, such as when new contracts are awarded.

The Prime Minister replied: "Yes. If that is the wish of the people, we will do so."

Dr Mahathir said at the same time, the people too would have to "disclose all". The same applies to the Press and currency traders.

The lists of recipients of privatised projects, special Bumiputera share allocations, shares in private companies, board members of Class A contractors and licences issued to public transport companies and names of board members were released at the Umno general assembly.

On the denial by former Malacca Chief Minister Tan Sri Rahim Tamby Chik of any involvement in the publication of a book allegedly defaming Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Dr Mahathir said: "In Malaysia, we uphold the rule of law. And the rule of law must be based on due process."

Dr Mahathir was speaking to reporters at a ceremony to show EON's appreciation for the 1,000,000th individual Malaysian customer of Proton at the company's headquarters.

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