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Medical care will continue to get funds, says PM

MALACCA, Mon. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Government would continue to equip hospitals with up-to-date facilities for the sake of the people.

The Prime Minister said the Government would not mind spending money for health and medical purposes.

He added this burden was increasing due to the rising cost of medicines.

"For the sake of the people, we are, however, prepared to shoulder this burden," he said when opening the new RM85.7 million block of the Malacca Hospital in Peringgit here.

Dr Mahathir also commended doctors of government hospitals for their willingness to serve the community despite not getting as much income as those running their own clinics or working in the private sector.

"I admit that the Government is not paying high salaries to the doctors but we cannot do much.

"I myself resigned (from government service) because of the low salary and opened my own clinic," he said.

Dr Mahathir also said that the Barisan Nasional Government would not discriminate against less beautiful women in its recruitment of nurses.

"It will be unfair to only recruit beautiful women to become nurses," he said.

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