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PM: Rivals can't deliver the goods

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KOTA TINGGI, Fri. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad told the people today not to risk their future by allowing frustrated groups of people to run the country because they could never deliver the goods.

The Prime Minister said these people were bankrupt of ideas and were not fit even to become the people's representatives.

"If they are voted in, they cannot give anything," he said.

Dr Mahathir said these groups had no other means to challenge the Government except by using obscenities and making baseless accusations through the Internet and other means.

"They even spread rumours that I was dead. That was their hope but God did not bless them."

Addressing a large crowd at Felda Pengeli Timur near here, the Prime Minister said these frustrated groups of people "did not deserve even one vote".

Rather, these groups were only good at holding street demonstrations, causing destruction and making wild accusations.

"We will not risk our future by giving these people the chance (to lead us). In fact they are not fit to become the people's representatives."

At the function, there was a big turnout, mainly people from the Felda scheme who braved the heavy rain throughout the two-hour event.

Reflecting on the record of services provided by the Government to the people, Dr Mahathir said for the past 42 years, the Government provided ample opportunities for everyone, including those in Felda schemes.

Malaysia had also been able to produce sophisticated items and electronic goods under the present Government.

"Not only have we produced cars, but parts of the Boeing 747 and Airbuses are being produced in Malaysia," he said. "We have also sold two aircraft we made to the United States, and we will sell more"

Dr Mahathir said these provided clear evidence that Malaysians were capable of achievement provided they were prepared to learn.

Malaysians, he said, did not lack ideas or the talent to achieve any goal they set themselves.

On land development schemes, he said Felda schemes had proven to be a resounding success.

The concept, he said, had improved the livelihood of thousands of people.

Today, land under Felda schemes covered 800,000 hectares, constituting the largest area compared with schemes in other parts of the world.

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