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Take care with choice, says PM

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JITRA, Fri. - The people must be cautious in their choice of government because only a capable government will be able to care for their well-being, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

Dr Mahathir said it was important they remember this when they go to the polls as the country needs a strong and capable government to move into the new millennium.

"Only a government which is good in its administration can develop a country. Don't believe the people who claim that any government can bring about development," he said at a gathering at the Tunjang voluntary fire-fighting unit station, near here.

Dr Mahathir said not just any government could continue giving the people what they enjoyed today.

He said some governments of developing countries were not as capable as the Barisan Nasional.

"When we go to Mecca we see big roads but this is because of oil money.

"In Malaysia, there is development because we are rich with people who are good at administering the country," he remarked.

The Prime Minister said the BN had proved its capability in bringing about development.

The BN government had built schools, hospitals, universities, roads and clinics for the people because it knew how to administer and develop the country.

Citing Kelantan, led by Pas which did not know how to rule the State, Dr Mahathir said the people despite their various skills, were being forced to migrate to other States to earn a better living.

"A lot of foreigners also come to work in Malaysia because there is no development in their country," he added.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, said the BN was against Pas not because it was an Islamic party but because it used the Quran for political gains.

He also said the BN was not against the people of Kelantan who had mistakenly chosen Pas to lead the State.

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