

Do not treat selection of govt lightly: PM

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Mahathir tells Malays not to let success get the better of them

SIK, Fri: The Malays should not to let success get the better of them, to the extent that they will treat lightly the question of electing the government.

They should not think that there is no need to worry about the future generations because of the success achieved so far, the prime minister said.

Speaking at an informal meeting with Umno leaders from the SIK and Baling Umno divisions at SM Agama SIK here, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Malays should be concerned with the future of their grandchildren despite the successes achieved by the country so far as there will be many challenges ahead.

"We want our grandchildren to continue to live as a free and independent people. We want our religion, race and country assured of a future," he said.

Mahathir said that even though there are Malays successful in their respective endeavours, their successes, when compared with that of other communities, are still not much.

Therefore, the Malays should remain united to ensure their continuous success, he said.

Mahathir said the country needs a strong party which can draw up policies and set up programmes for the benefits of the people.

"Umno needs strong support from its members. Although Malays have achieved a lot compared with others, they are still weak.

"Our struggles depend on the solid unity among us," he said.

Mahathir said Malays were united when the country fought for independence.

"There was no PAS, there was only Umno. All the Malays were in Umno and we were united in our fight for

independence," he said.

Mahathir said contrary to PAS's claims, the party is not an Islamic party and its members are using religion as a platform to get votes.

The people, he said, should not let themselves be manipulated by false accusations and claims made by PAS.