

# Youths must develop the nation, says Mahathir

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**PUTRAJAYA**, Wed: Youths were today reminded that they must bear the burden of developing the country and charting its progress towards the objectives of Vision 2020.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the future generation cannot afford to be complacent and rely on other people to develop their own country.

"We will not achieve the objective by just talking. We must be prepared so that we would be capable of striving to revive the dignity and honour of the race and country," he said in his address at the Merdeka Thanksgiving Cere-

mony organised by Umno Youth at the Dataran Putra, here this afternoon.

Mahathir also urged Umno Youth to prepare themselves for the task at hand.

"My generation and the old generation won't be here forever, but before we go we want the youth to be ready to take over this heavy task."

The event was attended by about 3,000 youth movement members. Also present was Umno Youth head Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein and Selangor Mentri Besar Dr Mohammad Khir Toyo.

Mahathir said Umno Youth must show a good example to the younger generation that they don't act violently and blindly, but in an organised way in whatever task given to them.