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Less talk about non-Malay PM the better

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PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's recent statement at the MCA general assembly that a "non-Malay too can one day become the Prime Minister of Malaysia" is that of a man with vision. Very few non-Malays would have expected such a statement from Dr Mahathir who was once considered a "Malay ultra".

In reality, "there is only one race, the race of humanity".

But human beings as we are, the vast majority of us cannot go beyond the shell of ethnicity and religion. Even the greatest democracy in the world today, the United States, cannot foresee in the near future a black president.

In Fiji, as little as 10 years ago, there were more Indians on the island compared to the indigenous race and yet they could not have a Prime Minister. But last year, Mahendra Chaudry was elected to office by popular majority, including a good portion of indigenous Fijians voting for him. Unfortunately, this did not last long.

Therefore the less we discuss this in the media the better it is for the country as we are not ready yet to come out of the sheath of race, religion and language.

It would take many decades to come to such a realisation. It is therefore prudent for Barisan Nasional leaders to stop giving any comment as the Opposition could capitalise on this sensitive issue, which would be detrimental to the nation.