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MAHATHIR TELLS BN MP'S TO MASTER ENGLISH LANGUAGE

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 7 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has advised Barisan Nasional members of parliament to master the English language, saying this will facilitate them when dealing with people abroad or when receiving foreign guests in this country.

The Prime Minister said a good command of English would also enable the MPs to obtain information on current issues from the Internet without the need to have it translated.

"Mastering English doesn't mean that we are denying the national language or being unpatriotic in terms of language," he said at a dinner organised by the Government Backbenchers Club at his official residence here tonight.

Dr Mahathir said having a good command of English would make it easier for MPs to express their views on various issues while overseas.

"Of course we can hope for others to translate for us, but we cannot expect what has been translated to be exactly the same as what we had said," he said.

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