

State stand on unity talks, Dr M tells PAS

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KUALA LIPIS PAS has to state its stand whether the unity talks should take off or not Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday

If PAS does not want to meet then say so No need to give other excuses

PAS says it is not interested in Malay interest but national If it does not want to meet so be it he said

He said Umno started the talks to discuss Malay rights and had nothing to do with Umno PAS or any other political party

We are not weak or appeasing PAS to draw it to the talks but in fact we are trying to find a common stand between us when it comes to Malay rights

We (Umno) believe the meeting is important and good for the Malays and not for the benefit of Umno PAS or any other political party

Dr Mahathir also said that if the Malays in PAS DAP or Parti Keadilan Nasional or the Malays at large believed that the meeting was a waste of time then they should not complain when in future the admission of Malays to local universities

would be based on merit and qualification

Nobody should say anything when it comes to the point where no special treatment will be given to Malays seeking admission to universities he added

The Prime Minister also reiterated that when it came to the split among the Malays Umno was always at the forefront to protect Malay rights

In the end Umno is left alone to defend Malay rights while the Malays in Keadilan take advantage of the situation and attempt to be the champions of the Chinese And they were desperate enough to say that before the Malays in Umno kill the Chinese they (Umno) would have to kill the Malays in Keadilan first

Umno has no intention of murdering anyone but what is clear is that Keadilan is trying to fish for votes because it feels the Malays will never desert their party and all they need to do is to get the support of the Chinese

That is why Keadilan supported Suqiu and Chinese teachers demands Umno is not anti Chinese because all it wants is the Malay rights as enshrined in the Federal Constitution he added