

Development allocations distributed fairly to all states, says Mahathir

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KOTA KINABALU Sun Federal development allocations for all states have always been fairly distributed even to states run by the Opposition

This proves the federal government's determination to bring about equitable development to all states Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said

However problems arose in Opposition run states because they tended to politicise assistance provided by the central government he said

Mahathir said this in his speech when performing the ground breaking for a new federal administrative complex in Teluk Likas here today

A total of RM100 million has been allocated for the project which emulates Putrajaya's central administrative centre concept on a 9ha site It is expected to be completed in 2003

Each time development projects are

carried out by the central government in these states the opposition would say that they managed to develop the state without support from the ruling Barisan Nasional coalition

So when it is politicised it is quite difficult for the federal government to help on the other hand if there is close cooperation between the state and federal governments whatever allocation that is given will not be politicised Mahathir said

Mahathir also pointed out the numerous development projects that have been undertaken in Sabah ever since the Barisan Nasional came into power He attributed this to the closer cooperation between state and federal leaders

The construction of the Federal Administrative Complex can be considered a symbol of the close relations between the state and federal government he added