

PM: Foreigners don't need any explanation

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Exposing internal affairs may help them take over the country

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today there is no need to invite foreigners and explain matters to them which are considered internal affairs.

He said inviting them over and offering them an explanation on these matters may

one day lead to them taking over the country.

"Even the government has not invited any ambassador for special briefings, though we could have done the same, despite knowing that many of them have differing views," he told reporters during a visit to Angkasapuri at Bukit Putra here.

"We don't like foreigners interfering in our internal affairs. If this continues, don't be surprised if one day they

take over our country."

Mahathir was asked to comment on the attendance of several foreign diplomats at a closed-door briefing by Parti Keadilan Nasional president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail on Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim's medical condition last week.

Yesterday, Foreign Affairs Minister Datuk Syed Hamid Albar chided the foreign diplomats for attending the meeting, which he said had

political connotations.

Mahathir also supported National Fatwa Council chairman Datuk Dr Ismail Ibrahim's decision to hold a discussion (muzakarah) with PAS to clear the confusion among Muslims, especially on the "Amanat Hadi".

Earlier today, the prime minister met Information Ministry officials and reminded them to be professional in their work and provide accurate information.