

# Non-Malays need not worry over their position in BN

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**BANGI, Sun:** Non-Malays in the Barisan Nasional (BN) need not worry over their position in the coalition despite their dwindling population, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said BN recognised all races in Malaysia and all of them are represented in the 13-party ruling coalition.

"We acknowledge all races, and every race is represented in the BN. However, the situation is not so in other parties, even in parties which claim not to be racial-based.

"(Racial) discrimination is

very evident in the other parties," he told reporters after taking part in the Royal Malaysia Police/Tenaga International Endurance Ride 2001 at Universiti Tenaga Nasional here.

Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, was asked to comment on MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu's concern over the dwindling Chinese and Indian population in the country as it may lead to dissolution of non-Malay political parties.

The works minister had said if the trend continues, there would be no necessity for MIC and non-Malay parties to exist.

Mahathir said he did not think non-Malay political parties in Malaysia would be dissolved as feared by Samy Vellu.