

# Govt 'plans to keep country independent'

KUALA LUMPUR: The people have to be informed of the stand of the Government towards globalisation, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said it was vital that the people understood the stand taken by the Government because not everything about globalisation was good.

"We have to treat the process (of globalisation) carefully to ensure it

does not disadvantage the country," he said after chairing the Barisan Nasional supreme council meeting yesterday.

Asked about role of the Government as the world became increasingly borderless, Dr Mahathir said the Government planned to keep the country independent.

"We intend to keep the country independent even if the whole world is

globalised," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the world must benefit from globalisation and not just the rich countries.

"We feel if the world is globalised, those who benefit from it must contribute to the wealth of the world.

"That is why I suggested that the rich countries be taxed in order to distribute wealth to poor countries," he said.

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