

PM: Opposition out to win hearts of Chinese

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PENDANG: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the opposition was making baseless accusations, claiming that Umno was against the Chinese, in its attempt to win their support in the next general election.

He said the opposition parties felt confident they could continue to enjoy the support of the Malays regardless of what they said or did.

“They require the support from the Chinese and that is why they are willing to say things which can hurt the feelings of Malays,” the Prime Minister said.

He said the opposition had been using the Suqiu issue to show they would do anything for the Chinese.

“We (Umno) do not have any intention to do things that the opposi-

tion has claimed we will do,” Dr Mahathir said after attending an Aidil Adha feast at a mosque in Kampung Bendang Raja here yesterday.

He was commenting on a statement on the Internet quoting PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor’s political secretary Dr Hatta Ramli as saying that PAS would go all out to protect the Chinese if Umno

oppressed them.

To a question, Dr Mahathir said the statement was related to the Suqiu issue because some Umno members were against some points.

He said Umno only disagreed with certain proposals Suqiu made but this did not mean they wanted to pick a fight with the Chinese.