

PM: Changes will not ensure a better line-up

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PETALING JAYA: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday changes to the Cabinet will not guarantee a better line-up.

"This is not a game that we play. If we want to change with new people it does not necessarily mean that these people will be better than the previous ones.

"Change is not always for the better. We don't implement a change for the sake of changing. We have our own objectives," the Prime Minister said on arrival at the air force base in Subang after a four-day working visit to Osaka.

Dr Mahathir was asked whether there would be a Cabinet reshuffle after last week's appointments involving two new ministers, two deputy ministers and a parliamentary secretary.

"As long as we don't drop people, the press will not be satisfied, there will be no news.

"What they want me to do is for me to chuck out the whole Cabinet and then look for others to form the Cabinet.

"Just because you change leadership, it does not mean you are going to get a better man," he said.