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Article on Dr M is mischievous

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THE article "Waltzing Mahathir" in Time (July 9 issue) was a great entertainment piece for this normally strait-laced magazine.

Whether or not it was intended to amuse its readers, it certainly succeeded in highlighting Dr Mahathir's famed inscrutability. The magazine went full distance to name each and every famous Australian-related personality that it had approached, from the Foreign Minister, former Prime Minister downwards to politicians, businessmen and celebrities, to comment on Dr Mahathir's purported oblique reference to Australia's manner of speaking English.

For all its entertainment value, the article was mischievous as it revealed a resolve to stir up the hornets' nest between the two countries.

It failed dismally in nudging the Australians to do what it had desired them to do, that is, criticise Dr Mahathir in one way or another.