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DIFFERING VIEWS ON POLITICS CONFUSING THE MALAYS, SAYS PM

KUALA LUMPUR, May 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the people, especially the Malays, appear to be confused over the political situation in the country as a result of listening to differing views and opinions.

"If previously it was easy to understand the country's politics as it was aimed at ensuring an appropriate position for the Malays, now there are some who feel that position is unimportant as there are other more pressing needs," he said.

Too much focus on politics would be meaningless if not they were not understood by the people, especially the Malays, said Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, when launching the web site of the Umno Civil Action Bureau, at the Islamic Arts Museum here.

Dr Mahathir also said that the importance of charity work should not be disputed and should be embarked on by all.

The Civil Action Bureau, he said, was set up so that Umno members could be active in welfare matters.

"As Muslims, we are required to play a significant role in welfare activities. Unfortunately, we found that many of us are more inclined towards other activities and not very interested in doing charity work," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that following the setting up of the bureau, Umno believes welfare work could be carried out more systematically and would truly benefit those who were really in need.

He was confident that this would be more meaningful to Umno as a political organisation.

"We in Umno need to help the unfortunate members of society to reduce their burden and through the setting up of the Civil Action Bureau, I believe attention could be given to those in need of assistance and sympathy," he said.

He said that in this aspect, Umno should not take into account the race or religion of those in need of attention.

He also hoped that the bureau could be expanded throughout the country so that welfare work could be extended to cover more people who were unfortunate.

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