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NON-MALAYS NEED NOT WORRY OVER THEIR POSITION IN BN, SAYS DR M

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today "non-Malays in the Barisan Nasional (BN)" need not worry over their position in the coalition despite their dwindling population.

He said the BN recognised all races in Malaysia and all of them are represented in the 13-party ruling coalition.

"However, we see in other parties although they are said to be non-racial, we can really see the clear discrimination in opposition parties against other races," he told reporters after participating in the Royal Malaysia Police/Tenaga Nasional Berhad international endurance ride 2001 at Universiti Tenaga Nasional (Uniten) here.

Dr Mahathir, who is also BN chairman, was asked to comment on MIC president Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu's concern over the dwindling Chinese and Indian population in the country as it may lead to dissolution of non-Malay political parties.

The Works Minister had said if the declining trend continues, there would be no necessity for MIC and non-Malay parties to exist.

Dr Mahathir said he did not think non-Malay political parties in Malaysia would be dissolved as feared by Samy Vellu.

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