

Dr M hails East Timor independence

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SILANGALAM: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday congratulated East Timor on its independence and hoped that it would join Asean.

"I think they should join (Asean) and I would welcome them," he said after attending the MIC's 56th annual general meeting.

Dr Mahathir expressed regret that he was not able to be in Dili because he would be visiting Japan today.

On a separate matter, Dr Mahathir said Parti Keadilan Nasional was slowly losing public support because it did not have a worthy struggle.

"Even though it is named Keadilan (Justice), it is actually fighting for one person."

Keadilan president Datin Seri Dr Wan Azizah Wan Ismail had admitted recently that the party was losing support.