

Be thankful to Federal Govt, Dr M tells Kelantanese

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KOTA BARU: The people of Kelantan should be thankful to the Federal Government for implementing development projects because it has a good track record of fulfilling its promises, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The Prime Minister said the people of Kelantan should not take for granted that the Government would continue providing aid when someone else took the credit.

"The Federal Government will always fulfil its promises to bring development to the people but sometimes our feelings are slighted when another party takes credit for our efforts by saying that the Federal Government will always fulfil its promises, come what may.

"This is not a good gesture because certain parties had taken advantage of the Federal Government's generosity and consistent habit of accomplishing what had been promised," Dr Mahathir said in his speech before witnessing the opening of the RM100mil Sultan Ismail Petra bridge at Tendong, Pasir Mas by Sultan of Kelantan Sultan Ismail Petra Ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Yahya Petra here yesterday.

Among those present at the function were Mentri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat and Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, said the Government would continue to fund the development of Kelantan and Terengganu so that all Malaysians could share in the country's wealth.

He said the people and Kelantan should reflect on Barisan Nasional's past track record and decide for themselves which government had fulfilled its promises.

Dr Mahathir took a swipe at PAS for accusing the police of being "silent devils" when they were the same people who were responsible for the peace and harmony in the country.

"If not for the security forces, we would not be able to hold this function today (yesterday) without feeling threatened by terrorists."