

Dr Mahathir books selling like hot cakes across country

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KUALA LUMPUR: Barely a month to Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's stepping down as Prime Minister, sales of books written by him and on him have increased by some 50% in leading bookstores across the country.

Among the 20 over titles, *The Malay Dilemma* and *M Way: Mahathir's Economic Legacy* written by K.S. Jomo were the best selling for the last two months.

Book outlets such as MPH Bookstore, Times Bookshop and Kinokuniya have placed more orders for the books in anticipa-

tion of a surge in demand before the month ends.

They are also expecting a demand for soon-to-be released pictorial, *Dr Mahathir's 22 Years 22 Voices*, by Michael Bociurkiw.

The book will be launched by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi today.

According to Times Bookshop general manager P.S. Lau, the demand for books on Dr Mahathir has increased significantly since September.

He said the books were expected to continue to sell

well until the end of the year.

At the Times Bookshop in Suria KLCC shopping mall, a customer browsing through the selection of books on Dr Mahathir recommended that people read *The Malay Dilemma*.

"Dr Mahathir writes with such plain English but is still able to hit the right note," said Mohamad Shah Misdri, a Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia student.

The Malay Dilemma is in fact among the most popular books, according to Kinokuniya English Department retail executive Yong Jet Yau.