

# Dr M: Malay graduates are too choosy

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SIK: Unemployment among Malay graduates in the country is high because they are choosy, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

He said they would suffer if they continued to be so.

"Such an attitude will only undermine their lives and affect the country's future," he said in his keynote address at the state-level self endurance camp for Form Six students at Rimba Takwa here yesterday.

He said that unlike Chinese and Indian graduates, most of the 46,000 unemployed Malay graduates chose degree programmes that did not help them get jobs when they graduated.

"When they failed to get jobs, they blame the Government. But they are the ones responsible for their plight. They must make the right choice and not get angry with the Government for everything," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the Malays had the

impression the Government would always help them.

"This is not so. The situation may one day change and as such, the Malays must not be complacent but be always forward-looking," he said.

Citing his younger days when he was among seven students selected to do medicine in Singapore, he said there was no place for laziness and indiscipline if a person wanted to succeed in life.