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Anyone may refuse

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THE media, notably from the West, should be experienced enough to realise that the Prime Minister (anyone for that matter) has the right to accept or turn down a request for a personal interview. I am sure that Dr Mahathir had his reasons for doing so, especially if you are conscious of mischief-makers. To issue threats reflects nothing but arrogance and lack of character.

The only avenue open to us is to stop treating people from the West like gods.

No doubt it is a part of our hospitality whenever Westerners come to this country, but the same cannot be said of the treatment we receive from them when we reach their shores. So why should we fawn on them?

The time has come for us to treat everyone equally, regardless of their colour or place of origin.

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