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Malaysians complain about everything Government does, says PM

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PETALING JAYA, Sun. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is unhappy over the attitude of Malaysians who complain about everything that the Government does for their good.

The Prime Minister said this contrasted with the people of Monaco, which he just visited, who had a refreshing attitude towards projects carried out by their Government.

For example, he said, they did not complain about the noise from the Formula One Grand Prix in the city centre.

"The race generates very loud noise but the people there do not complain about it," he said, adding that Malaysians would complain that their sleep was being disturbed when a plane flew over their homes.

"This is because the event benefits them, maybe not all, but it surely creates profit for the tourism industry and Monaco is very much dependent on tourism," he said.

At the Royal Malaysian Air Force base in Subang on his arrival from a week-long working visit to London, Sweden, New York and Monaco, he said Malaysians were usually not satisfied with what the Government was doing for their long-term benefit.

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on fears that an abattoir for slaughtering pigs in Rawang, that was expected to begin operations next month, might pollute the Sungai Selangor water treatment plant which supplies 2,700 million litres of water daily to consumers in Selangor and Kuala Lumpur.

He said the management of the abattoir should ensure cleanliness of the general area while the authorities should monitor its operations.

Elaborating on his earlier point, he said the Cabinet had decided on an integrated pig-rearing area after the country was hit by the Japanese Encephalitis (JE) virus and the Government allowed a legal pig-rearing area but the people were against it.

"I do not know what the people want. If we do not allow for such a centre, illegal pig-rearing areas would be set up and the people would then say we did not do anything to curb this. At the same time when the Government allows for a legal centre the people do not agree to it... whatever we do is not right".