



Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir at the press conference with Deputy Premier Datuk Musa.

One-year deadline

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has given Cabinet Ministers one year in which to show the results of their new-style approaches towards achieving their various targets.

At the first meeting of his newly-formed Cabinet today, he gave them guidelines on the style and scope of their functions.

Although he did not elaborate, he said there would be a totally new style in which the Gov-

ernment would work towards achieving national objectives and carrying out development programmes.

Assisted

The results should show in a year and the new style could be gauged as having been successful if the people felt differences in the way things were being run — for the better.

"These new approaches should be felt within a year by the people," he said, "although I would have liked to say,

in the good Kennedy tradition, 1,000 days."

In a bid to oversee implementation of national programmes to ensure their success, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the National Action Council would be revived.

The Council, to be headed by the Prime Minister himself, had been started in August 1971 under the late Tun Razak's Cabinet.

It was then the ministerial body which co-ordinated work for the implementation of the Second Malaysia Plan,

review progress and sort out problems faced by any Government agency.

It was assisted by State Action Committees with branches at district level.

Expects

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the revived Council would meet every fortnight — a schedule different from Tun Razak's time when it used to meet every Wednesday.

The Council will review the work and action taken by all Ministries in carrying out their pro-

grammes.

He added that the Council would be restarted after Hari Raya, "although I would have liked to have it sooner."

During the first hour of the meeting, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir briefed the Ministers on what he expects of them. During this meeting the chief secretary to the Government, Tan Sri Hashim Aman was not present. He joined in later.

The meeting was also interrupted by a power failure which struck a number of States in the peninsula.