

Sabah RCI 'useless', says Mahathir
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A royal commission of inquiry (RCI) into Sabah's prolonged illegal migrants issue will "not do anything at all", said former prime minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Asked about this by two reporters today, he said that the exercise is futile as the government will be in trouble regardless of the outcome of the RCI.

"If the findings fall in favour of the government, the opposition will say it's manipulated and if it is against, the government will get it in the neck," he said.

Mahathir, who is accused of playing a part in an allegedly politically-motivated naturalisation drive starting in the 1990s, added that many of the illegal migrants have been in Sabah long enough to qualify for Malaysian citizenship.

"I am accused of bringing these migrants in. I didn't have to, they all came themselves..."

"I hope there won't be any efforts to now ship them out as we did that once and they all came back," he said.

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