

Policy clears air on AP issue, says Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR: The National Automotive Policy (NAP) will clear the air on the issue of Approved Permits, said Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The former Prime Minister described the policy as "a good step forward" as it would not only clarify AP matters but also contribute much towards enhancing the automotive industry.

Speaking after the launch of the Islamic Development Bank's 1440H Vision here yesterday, Dr Mahathir said the NAP contained elements that were in response to complaints on the issuance of APs.

However, Dr Mahathir said the effectiveness of the NAP depended on the Government's implementation of the policy.

He said unless there was some way of ensuring that the entry of foreign cars did not undermine Malaysia's national automotive industry, "we may suffer".

Asked how the NAP would affect Proton, Dr Mahathir said the car manufacturer seemed convinced that it could live with the new policy.

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