



SHARED ADMIRATION: Dr Mahathir giving Shah Rukh Khan a hug during his visit to the filming set of 'Don' in Langkawi yesterday.

# The feeling is mutual

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**LANGKAWI:** He was one of the most dynamic leaders from Asia. The other is an international superstar from Asia.

When former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Bollywood hunk Shah Rukh Khan met yesterday, they expressed mutual admiration for each other.

Shah Rukh Khan, who was on the island for the shooting of *Don* - a remake of the 1978 hit movie which starred Bollywood heavyweight Amitabh Bachchan, took a break from filming to entertain Dr Mahathir who visited the set at the exclusive Four Seasons Resort in the morning.

Also in the welcoming committee were the movie's producer Ritesh and lead actress Priyanka Chopra.

The actor lauded the statesman as a great leader in the world, and added that Dr Mahathir was his idol, which prompted the former premier to return the compliment, saying that Shah Rukh Khan "is my idol".

Shah Rukh Khan said he had listened to Dr Mahathir's speeches.

"I like the way he speaks. He is very sharp," he added. "Dr



**BOLLYWOOD STAR:** Priyanka is the lead actress in the remake of the 1978 hit movie, 'Don'.

Mahathir is the spokesman for Islam. He made very clear what Islam stands for."

Shah Rukh Khan said he found Langkawi beautiful, and when his family visits Malaysia next month he would definitely bring them to the island.

The actor said 90% of *Don* would be shot in Malaysia, mainly in the Klang Valley.

Dr Mahathir, who is the Langkawi Development Authority advisor, was there for the Langkawi Development Dialogue 2006.