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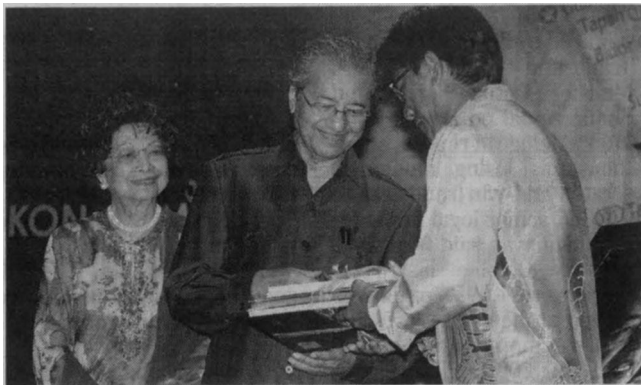
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# 'BN must work harder to win'

KUALA TERENGGANU: Umno and Barisan Nasional leaders must act fast to strengthen the coalition to ensure it stays relevant and could still form the government after the next general election.

Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said BN entered the new year in a difficult situation as many of its component parties were facing internal problems.

He said the unresolved problems had affected the



**Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad receiving a souvenir from the vice-chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Prof Dr Aziz Deraman, yesterday as Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali looks on.**

strength of BN.

"BN is facing a challenging time because component parties like Umno, MCA, Gerakan, PPP and MIC are having internal problems."

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak had inherited the problems when he took over the helm at BN.

Dr Mahathir was speaking

after delivering a speech titled "Malay Students: Challenges and The Future" at the Malay Students Convention held at Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) here yesterday.

He was asked to comment about the prospect of Umno and BN strengthening the party and winning back the confidence of the rakyat.