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## **A timely reminder,**

### **Dr Mahathir**

TUN Dr Mahathir Mohamad has described Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak's policy address as a fervent and timely reminder, not just for the Malays but all Malaysians, saying it reflected the true spirit of the social contract forged between the various races under the Federal Constitution.

"It clearly explained the true situation that there should not be problems if we hold steadfast to the original agreement under the Constitution," he said, adding that there were still some quarters who were unclear about this.

The former Prime Minister and Umno president said there were safeguards to prevent changes to specific provisions under the Constitution, adding that changes could only be undertaken with consent from the Council of Rulers.

He added that those seeking changes would be faced with opposition while creating tension among the various races.

Dr Mahathir, who stepped down in 2003, concurs with the Prime Minister and Umno president that Malays and the other communities should stop wasting time questioning the social contract and instead focus on nation-building.

"We have a formula that has worked very well for over 50 years so why do you want to change and bring up issues that can only cause tension among the races?"

He noted that Najib had also reinforced the call he had made as the then party head to make full use of the opportunities given to them to better themselves as a race.