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Tell govt if you're unhappy, says Dr M

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PETALING JAYA: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad (*pix*) yesterday said the people should tell the government if they are not happy with implementation of the Goods and Services Tax (GST).

"They should tell (the government) to stop imposing further tax on them, or they will not vote for them in the next election!" he quipped.

"Everything will be more expensive with GST. It's for the people to respond, to tell the government that they are not happy with it," he told reporters after attending the signing ceremony of a collaboration agreement between the University of California, San Diego and Perdana University, of which he is chancellor.

Voicing concern that the cost of living is expected to soar following the implementation of GST, Mahathir expressed regret that health costs will also rise as some medical services and medication will also be taxed.

On doctors' fees, Mahathir said efforts should be made to keep their fees reasonable because they are there to serve people rather than make money.

"When I was a doctor, I charged only RM3 or RM5 if an injection was necessary. I was there to treat patients instead of making profits," he added.

