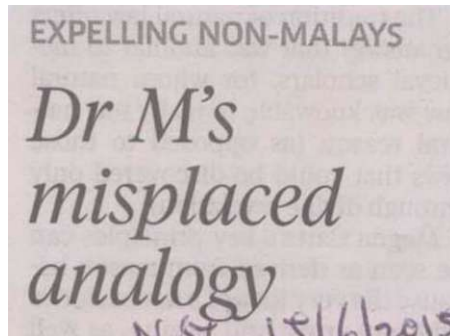


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I AM disappointed to hear former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad stating that "Non-Malays are not expelled, so why are Rohingyas?" when he was appealing to the authorities in Myanmar to take the community back into their fold.

Dr Mahathir should have confined his remarks to the Rohingyas in Myanmar without bringing in the issue of non-Malays in Malaysia.

Ironically, he would not be here today if what he said had come to pass in Malaya, as his father, too, was a migrant from Kerala, India.

The Orang Asli were already here before the Malays and others came to the peninsula, and it follows, therefore, that no single group should lay claim that they allowed the others the privilege of making Malaysia their home.

The non-Malays cut down the forests, built the roads, railways, worked in tin mines, rubber plantations and contributed significantly to develop the country.

So please, Dr Mahathir, your analogy of "expulsion" is misplaced and erroneous.

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