



PERDANA  
LEADERSHIP  
FOUNDATION  
Y A Y A S A N  
KEPIMPINAN  
PERDANA

PERDANA LIBRARY  
PERDANA LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION  
NEWSPAPER CLIPPING

Newspaper	NEW STRAITS TIMES
Date	16 OCTOBER 2016

# Dr M: Kelantan to get oil royalty if we win

NST-16/10/2016

**KOTA BARU:** Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has promised Kelantan it will be given the oil royalty due to the state if the opposition wins the 14th General Election.

The former prime minister said he knew well how the people of Kelantan, Terrengganu, Sabah and Sarawak felt about the oil royalty issue.

"I assure you that only if we (the opposition) win, you can get what's rightfully yours (the petroleum royalty)," he said here.

Dr Mahathir, who is Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman, said the oil royalty issue could only be addressed if all opposition political parties worked as one to defeat Barisan Nasional.

Also present was Salor assemblyman Datuk Husam Musa.

The government had maintained that Kelantan was entitled only to compassionate payments and not oil royalty because the state's right to offshore oil and gas was up to three nautical miles from the coast.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Asyraf Wajdi Dusuki, when met after the Annual

Kelantan Umno Convention 2016 here yesterday, said Dr Mahathir should practise what he preached.

"While he was in power, he didn't pay the state the oil royalty.

"Now, he is making a promise he most likely won't be able to keep again."

He said for Dr Mahathir to make such a promise, he must first reflect on himself and his actions when he was the prime minister.

Tumpat member of parliament Datuk Rusdi Ismail said he was amused by Dr Mahathir's promise concerning the oil royalty issue because the latter had all the while denied Kelantan the royalty payments when he was in power.

Rusdi said Dr Mahathir seemed to be going back on his words and actions by making such an unreasonable promise.

"It's been made very clear that the state is not owed any royalty due to the boundary issues.

"That is why it is getting only compassionate payments," he said, adding that the money channelled was for the same cause but under a different name.