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# Johor Sultan 'not interested' in debate with Dr M

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**JOHOR BARU:** The Sultan of Johor says he is not interested in a debate or polemic with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"I have said what needs to be said. Enough is enough. I make statements that are based on facts and figures, and not on a Western news report.

"I don't make assumptions or create fears, that's all.

"I do not want to lower myself," he said, adding that he was only interested "in the welfare of the people and not politics".

Sultan Ibrahim Ibn Almarhum Sultan Iskandar (*pic*) was asked to comment on a reply by Dr Mahathir following the prime minister's statements



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the Forest City development in the state.

Dr Mahathir had in a series of blog posts and comments claimed that over 700,000 Chinese nationals will be brought into Forest City, and that they would be given identi-

ty cards to enable them to vote in the next general election.

On Monday, in an exclusive interview with *The Star*, Sultan Ibrahim accused Dr Mahathir of fear-mongering by playing racial politics that he claimed had no place in the southern state.

The Johor Ruler said then he was "deeply offended and hurt" by the political spin against mainland Chinese investments in the state.

He singled out Dr Mahathir for "putting political interests above Malaysian interests, particularly Johor".

In response, Dr Mahathir said in a letter to *The Star*, which appeared yesterday, that he was quoting a report by *Bloomberg* on the details of Forest City, of which he said has yet to be challenged nor denied.