

'Some hoping for return of ex-regime'

Dr M: They want to continue making additional income from corruption

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IPOH: Some in the civil service are longing for the return of the old regime and making additional income from corruption, says Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The Prime Minister said these civil servants felt the previous administration was better and were hoping for the Pakatan Harapan government to fall.

Despite corruption being haram, there were those who were perfectly okay with receiving illicit income, he said.

"Some in the service are not happy and they prefer the old government to take over the country, so that they will continue receiving money," he said during a townhall meeting with state civil servants at the Royal Perak Golf Club here yesterday.

Besides shunning corruption, Dr Mahathir said, civil servants should also be loyal to the current government and implement approved policies which benefit the people and the development of the country.

He warned corruption would stall development, destroy the country and, in the end, the people would be the victims.

"We (leaders) can only continue talking about policies, but the civil servants need to implement it, be loyal and work for the betterment of the country.

"We want to return as an 'Asian Tiger', and for that, the leaders chosen by the people, as well as civil servants, must be free of corruption," he said.

Dr Mahathir said all were aware



Making his mark: Dr Mahathir signing a photograph during a townhall meeting with state civil servants at the Royal Perak Golf Club Ipoh.

that those involved in corruption had been charged in court and would probably be punished.

He also said the children and grandchildren of those involved in corruption would suffer the consequences of their actions.

Dr Mahathir also said the coun-

try's wealth must be shared by everyone regardless of race, religion and skin colour.

"The current government must be fair to all, and to ensure that the country is peaceful without any pressure, riots and terrorism.

"If we don't practise sharing of

wealth equally, this will cause uneasiness between one another, and this could lead to the country becoming chaotic," he said.

Dr Mahathir said it was necessary to ensure fair distribution of wealth and an administration free of corruption.

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Earlier, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Ahmad Faizal Azumu said there were civil servants still loyal to their old bosses from the previous administration.

He said his administration was not asking them to sever all ties but emphasised that their decisions and actions must not be influenced by old friendships.

He said the pledge of loyalty to the current government must be upheld.

Delaying instructions given or not implementing orders or decisions is a form of betrayal of trust given by the people, he said.

"Stop playing politics. Focus on carrying out duties with integrity and trust, and never discredit the reputation of civil servants who work with dedication and sincerity," he said.

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