

No plans to form new govt with BN and Pas, says Dr M

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PRIME Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has dismissed a suggestion to form a new government with Barisan Nasional and Pas for the sake of Malay unity.

He said Malaysia was a multiracial country and the government had always been made up of all the races in the country.

"We are not interested in the idea. Our country is multiracial, this is a reality we cannot deny.

"Since independence, we have always had a government that represented all races," he said at the Parliament lobby yesterday.

On Monday, Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said Dr Mahathir should form a new government with BN, Pas and partners from Sabah and Sarawak if the prime minister was

sincere in honouring the position of the Malays and Islam.

In a Facebook post, Mohamad said Umno and Pas must, however, be given significant roles and not just as passengers under the new government.

On another matter, Dr Mahathir said only Malays could restore Malay dignity and must not depend on others or the government.

"I only speak the truth. I don't think I have done anything wrong by saying the truth in my speech," he said, referring to his speech at the Malay Dignity Congress in Shah Alam on Sunday.

"If we can't reprimand or advise, how can we correct things? We cannot praise people who do wrong, that's not right."