

Prime Minister a strategist par excellence

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NEVER had one man in Malaysia contributed so much to so many within two decades of leadership, weathering the storm, controversies and, not least, confronting vindictiveness in the process.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had to be firm, decisive and would not accept mediocrity. He has that rare quality of being able to see clearly opportunities that were not visible to others and the ability to have them developed much to the apprehension and doubts of those around him. He proved the pundits wrong.

Often his vision and views were initially difficult to comprehend and there were technocrats who feared to seek clarifications lest they exposed their ignorance.

In the process those who had to be dropped cast aspersions on him. He is humane. He appears hard outside but in reality he is full of compassion, understanding and always gives his

ears to those who serve him. He is also a strategist par excellence.

DATUK ZULKIFLI ABDUL RAHMAN
Shah Alam

Nation owes gratitude

TOMORROW, a great leader will give way to another. Dr Mahathir has made us conspicuous on the world map. No longer are we described as that country above Singapore.

We pray that Dr Mahathir will continue to be close to us.

We thank him, as do our children, for bringing pride and honour in particular to the Malays and, as a whole, to Malaysia. We also thank Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah for being unselfish in lending him to us the last 22 years.

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