

**Be Wise In Choosing Leaders For Continuous Progress: Mahathir  
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KOTA KINABALU, May 1 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said people should exercise wisdom in electing their leaders to ensure continuous progress for the country.

Malaysia, he said, had reached a level which the people can be proud of, and had in fact achieved excellence under the Barisan Nasional government.

Choosing a wise and sincere leader to push ahead with the country's development is important, he said, adding that this would ensure the country would not slide back into backwardness.

"A leader plays an important role in the country's development process and in providing for its people.

"That is why we should not choose based on emotion as we might make a wrong choice," he said in his lecture titled "Sabah in Malaysia's Socio-political Context" at the Kinabalu Lecture Series at Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS), here today.

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