

Dr Mahathir Suggests RCI For Granting Of Citizenships Pre-independence
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BUKIT MERTA JAM, Jan 19 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad suggested that a Royal Commission of Inquiry be set up to investigate the granting of citizenships to one million foreign immigrants in the Federation of Malaya, before Malaysia gained independence.

However, he emphasised that it was merely a suggestion, because any such investigation should be comprehensive and not focused on just one side.

"I'm just suggesting it, and not really serious about (implementing) it. But if there's an investigation it must be comprehensive, it's not fair to focus on only one matter," he said.

He was speaking to reporters after delivering the keynote address at the '2013 Penang Malays Economic and Education Transformation' convention at Universiti Teknologi Mara, here Saturday.

He had been asked to comment on criticisms leveled at him for granting citizenships to 200,000 foreign immigrants in Sabah, during the time he was prime minister.

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