

Dap Not Interested In Sharing Power Or Wealth With Other Races, Says Dr Mahathir
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DAP, which champions meritocracy, is not a party that believes in sharing among the races, says former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said Pakatan Rakyat believed in "the best takes all, and the devil takes the hindmost", unlike Barisan Nasional which believed in sharing the nation's wealth and political power among the different races.

"DAP knows that, for example, on merit, the indigenous people of Malaysia would stand little chance of winning a fair number of the scholarships. This will deny them the opportunity for improving their station in life.

"Chinese parents can afford to send their children for university education at home and abroad. With government scholarships largely going to them, their numbers would even be bigger.

"Indigenous parents cannot afford to support their children for university education," he said in his blog today in response to criticism against his support for MCA's return to the cabinet.

Dr Mahathir said DAP, which was invited to join BN decades ago, wanted the Chinese to dominate politics, as they have in the economy.

He said the Chinese owned a large portion of the wealth, and even with the New Economic Policy (NEP), the gap between Bumiputeras and non-Bumiputeras remained wide.

Prior to the NEP, he the Bumiputeras, who make up 60% of the population, owned only 2% of the wealth.

"Even as Bumiputeras' wealth grows through NEP schemes, Chinese wealth with a higher base would grow faster. The disparity in wealth ownership would worsen."

Dr Mahathir said when Umno Malays dominated politics, they were willing to share political power with the Chinese and Indians, giving up some of their constituencies to their BN partners.

He said the political strength of the Malays in Umno balanced out their lower economic power.

"But DAP is bent on seizing political power from Umno without giving up any economic dominance. It believes that through meritocracy and a split among the Malays, it can do this.

"DAP does not want to join the BN coalition because of its Malay majority. In 1969, it was invited but when everyone else accepted, DAP refused.

"It rejects totally the concept of sharing with other races, unless the Chinese dominate completely in politics as they dominate the economy."

Dr Mahathir said DAP was now working with Islamist party PAS and PKR simply because it needed their votes.

Dr Mahathir said the MCA might be small, unable to counter DAP's racist politics and knew that its commitment to share wealth and political power with Umno Malays would cause it to lose Chinese support.

However, it still believed in the sharing concept of BN, he said.

"This is a multiracial country. No one race can have both economic wealth and political power."

He added that it was irrelevant whether DAP had more support from the Chinese or not.

What was relevant was the rejection of dominance by any race and the willingness to share wealth and political power fairly among the races, he said.

"Therefore, I welcome the decision of the MCA to rejoin the BN cabinet," he said.

The DAP had been critical of MCA's return, seeing the Chinese-based BN party as weak and unable to fight for the interests of the Chinese following its dismal performance in the general election last year. – May 7, 2014.

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