

**Malaysia better at managing racial equality than US, says Dr M**  
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Malaysia has done a better job of building a more equitable multiracial society than most countries, including the United States, said former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

He said this achievement had even been admitted by respected American magazine Foreign Affairs, which wrote that Malaysia's affirmative action policies, such as the New Economic Policy, had merit.

"The policy of equality of treatment, that is, meritocracy, has not yielded tangible results," said Dr Mahathir, referring to the "colour-blind" ethnic relations policy of the US.

"Like the reversal of the opinion on Malaysia's fixed exchange rate policy, there now seem to be a reversal of condemnation of our affirmative action, at least by the Foreign Affairs magazine," Dr Mahathir wrote in the latest posting on his blog, chedet.cc.

Dr Mahathir then compared the results of the NEP on the majority Malay population with the affects of US meritocracy on the country's minority African-American community.

The NEP, introduced in 1970, has reduced wealth disparity between the Chinese and Malays, he said.

"There is mention (in the Foreign Affairs magazine) of the Bumiputeras owning only 2% of the country's wealth before NEP and their wealth has now increased to 19%."

In contrast, he said, blacks in the US had not benefited much from being treated as equals to whites, despite the fact that the US has a black president and many others holding senior government positions.

"The fact remains that most of the blacks are poor, are constantly involved in drugs and crimes.

"Despite the blacks making up just about 10% of the population, the percentage of blacks in prison is nearly 50%. The per capita income of blacks is well below the national average.

"No mention is made of the deliberate killings of blacks by the police, who then escape indictment."

The magazine, he said, admitted that even with the NEP, Malaysia's economy had performed better than other developing countries.

"The races seem to be living in relative harmony. There were no serious racial clashes." – June 23, 2015.

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