

## **Putrajaya overreacted in summoning Chinese envoy, says Dr Mahathir**

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Putrajaya overreacted when it summoned China's ambassador to Malaysia, Dr Huang Huikang, over his comments on racism, former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He told a press conference in Kuala Lumpur that Huang was only responding to questions on the aborted red shirt rally that was to take place in Chinatown last Saturday.

"I think the government overreacted to this thing. He went there and of course some people might have asked him so he had to reply.

"I think the relationship between China and Malaysia is far greater than just the words of the ambassador who was concerned about race issues which were actually promoted by the government," Dr Mahathir said after launching the Human Life Advancement Foundation (HLAF) Online Learning Project.

Huang courted controversy when he visited Kuala Lumpur's Chinatown last Friday, where he reportedly said that Beijing was opposed to terrorism, extremism and any form of discrimination based on race. – September 30, 2015.

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