

## **Bribing people for support not Pakatan Harapan way - Dr M**

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LANGKAWI, June 30 (Bernama) -- The Pakatan Harapan government will offer services that can increase employment and business opportunities for the people to improve their standard of living, Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

This was different from the approach of the previous government which was more inclined to give money to the people to garner their support, he said.

"Our way is not to bribe the people in the hope of securing their support," he said at the Aidilfitri 'open house' of the Langkawi parliamentary constituency at the LADA Sports Complex Hall here.

Dr Mahathir said his victory as the Langkawi MP and the victories of Juhari Bulat, as the state assemblyman for Ayer Hangat, and Mohd Firdaus Ahmad, as the state assemblyman for Kuah, proved that the people of Langkawi were not easily swayed by the bribery tactic of the Barisan Nasional in the last general election.

"I heard that in the last general election, the Barisan Nasional spent millions of ringgit to win over the voters but the attempt failed and the people elected Pakatan Harapan," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali at the event, said the Pakatan Harapan victory in Langkawi in the 14th general election would be the basis of efforts to raise the living standard of the islanders who had long been dependent on tourism as their main source of income.

He said the industry drew about 3.5 million tourists to the island annually and this had benefited the islanders a great deal.

"We have to increase the number of hotels and restaurants to accommodate the increasing tourist demand, and the local people can be involved in this effort," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the open house signified his and the Pakatan Harapan appreciation of the people's support in the last general election.

"We will always find ways to solve the people's problems by opening up more opportunities for them," he said.

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