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ALOR STAR, JUNE 26 (BERNAMA) - DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED HAS SAID THAT PAS' POLITICAL EFFORTS TO DIVIDE THE MALAYS WAS MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE COMMUNIST THREAT.

SPEAKING AT A CERAMAH AT KAMPUNG WANG TEPUS, JITRA, 12 MILES FROM HERE TODAY, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT ACTIVITIES OF PAS LEADERS COULD WEAKEN THE SOLIDARITY OF THE MALAYS.

MUSLIM SOLIDARITY WAS AN IMPORTANT BARRIER AGAINST THE SPREAD OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE.

HE ACCUSED PAS OF BEING CAPABLE OF EXPLOITING RELIGION TO DISRUPT THE UNITY OF THE MALAYS FOR THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF WINNING VOTES IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS THE BARISAN CANDIDATE FOR KUBANG PASU, CLAIMED THAT PAS HAD MISUSED MOSQUES AND PRAYER-HOUSES IN ITS CAMPAIGNS IN KEDAH. — BERNAMA MORE 1905/A1

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IT GOT PERMISSION TO USE THESE HOLY PLACES FOR RELIGIOUS LECTURE BUT INSTEAD HELD CAMPAIGNS IN SUPPORT OF ITS CANDIDATES.

HE URGED VOTERS NOT TO BE TAKEN IN BY THE RELIGIOUS LECTURES DELIVERED BY PAS LEADERS WHICH HE SAID WERE JUST A DEVICE TO GET THEIR VOTES.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THE USE OF QURANIC VERSES IN PAS' MANIFESTO WAS AGAINST ISLAMIC TEACHINGS.

QURANIC VERSES SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR POLITICAL ENDS AS THIS WOULD CONFUSE MUSLIMS.

HE TOLD PAS LEADERS NOT TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE INTO THINKING THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT CARE ABOUT ISLAMIC STUDIES IN THE COUNTRY. — BERNAMA MORE 1907/A1

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SINCE THE COUNTRY ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE, THE GOVERNMENT HAD SET UP A NUMBER OF ISLAMIC CENTRES OF HIGHER LEARNING INCLUDING THE ISLAMIC FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY MALAYA.

PAS LEADERS SHOULD KNOW THAT SOME OF THE PARTY'S INTELLECTUALS WERE EDUCATED AT THESE ISLAMIC CENTRES OF LEARNING SET UP BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ON THE ISSUE OF PAS-DAP COLLABORATION, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR CLAIMED THE BARISAN NASIONAL HAD PROOF THAT PAS HAD SECRET COOPERATION WITH THE DAP SINCE 1969.

HE SAID THAT PAS WAS EVEN WILLING TO FIELD CANDIDATES TO OPPOSE BARISAN NASIONAL CANDIDATES IN AREAS WHERE THERE WERE LESS THAN 25 PERCENT MALAY VOTERS JUST TO SPLIT THE MALAY VOTES. —