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DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD.  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS COMMENTING ON CALLS FROM SEVERAL  
BODIES URGING THE GOVERNMENT TO BAN PAS FROM USING THE WORD +ISLAM+  
IN ITS NAME FOLLOWING THE TABLING OF A WHITE PAPER ON RELIGIOUS  
EXTREMISM IN PARLIAMENT ON FRIDAY.  
HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS NOT THE NAME OF A PARTY THAT WAS TO BE  
BLAMED FOR ANY WRONGDOINGS BUT ONE SHOULD RATHER LOOK AT THE  
PERSONALITIES INVOLVED7 ADDING THAT CHANGING NAMES WOULD NOT SOLVE  
MATTERS. -- MORE  
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+CHANGING NAMES WILL NOT MAKE MUCH OF A DIFFERENCE... IF ONE HAS  
BAD MANNERS, EVEN IF ONE WERE TO CHANGE THE NAME TO SYURGA (HEAVEN)  
IT WOULD NOT HELP IF ONE STILL BEHAVES LIKE HELL,+ HE SAID.

+AS SUCH, ONE MUST LOOK AT THE PEOPLE INVOLVED) IN THE POLITICAL  
PARTIES RATHER THAN THE NAME,+ HE ADDED

THERE HAD BEEN PRESSURE, INCLUDING FROM POLITICAL LEADERS,  
ASKING THE GOVERNMENT TO BAN PAS FROM USING THE WORD +ISLAM+ IN ITS  
NAME BUT THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL AT ITS LAST MEETING HAD AGREED  
THAT POLITICAL PARTIES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE USING +ISLAM+ IN  
THEIR NAME.

ON THE DAP' S PROPOSAL THAT THE WHITE PAPER BE DEBATED IN  
PARLIAMENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID EVERYONE HAD A CHANCE TO  
SPEAK THEIR MIND IN PARLIAMENT.

+I KNOW THAT MPS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN THE OPPOSITION, TALK TOO  
MUCH IN PARLIAMENT NOT ONLY ON THE TOPIC OF THE DAY'S AGENDA BUT ON  
IRRELEVANT MATTERS AS WELL,+ HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA  
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