

Pas challenged to sell rubber for nation

organisation that protects the rights and privileges of Malays.

"What is more disheartening is the fact that among them are Umno members who only think for themselves.

"These people are jeopardising the Malay unity in Umno and the nation instead of protecting the rights and privileges of their own race and religion," he said.

Same tone

He also said his stand against Pas had never changed although it was noted that he had been more aggressive in his attack towards the opposition party.

"My tone had always been the same. What I spoke against Pas in Jitra yesterday was the same with the ingredients of my other talks.

"It was just that I was speaking to my voters yesterday and the reporters were there to report what I said," he said.

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ALOR STAR, Fri. — The Government today challenged Pas to sell the country's rubber if it is so concerned about the state of the national economy.

The Prime Minister said the global recession had made it difficult for rubber to find markets.

It is one of the reasons behind the nation's present economic difficulties. But Pas is welcomed to try if it is so concerned about the economy, he said.

(Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was commenting on Pas's Haji Nakhaie Ahmad's claims that the present economic difficulties was due to the Government's poor financial administration.

"His allegations only served to show Pas' ignorance on economy. If the party leaders are so knowledgeable about economy, why didn't they advise us long ago.

"The Government had been very careful when spending money. We had never spent on unnecessary things.

"Most of the money was spent on the development of rural areas. Those in urban areas had to spend their own money for development projects," he told reporters after addressing Umno leaders at the Umno building this morning.

Enemies

"If they are so good in economy, why don't they try selling the rubber," he said.

He also reminded the Malays that their enemies are the Malays themselves and not other races.

Dr Mahathir regretted the attempts by certain quarters to destroy Umno which is about the only