

JITRA, Thurs. — Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today described PAS as a "deviationist" party.

"The reason I say 'deviationist' is because there are people from the party who go to Memali to visit the grave of Ibrahim (Libya) whom they regard as a martyr," the Prime Minister said.

(Ibrahim Libya, a self-styled religious leader, and several of his followers were killed during the Nov. 19 bloody incident in Kampung Memali, Baling, when police launched an operation to apprehend some criminals.)

What was worse, Dr Mahathir said, was that some of these people took home a handful of soil from the grave back for sale as talisman.

"This strays a long way from Islamic teachings," the Umno president said.

Dr Mahathir said this arose from PAS' "craving for a seat."

He said they were doing all sorts of things contrary to Islam and, unfortunately, many confused people were accepting their ways.

Recently, he said, Ibrahim Libya's grave caved in, emitting a foul smell and

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yet it was described as aromatic by those people.

Dr Mahathir also spoke of a PAS tonic called *Tonik Jihad*.

"Apparently, if you drink this tonic, you become invincible," he said, stressing that such were in contradiction with Islam.

Dr Mahathir then reminded Umno members to ensure that there was none among them who had been "wooded by the devil."

"Sometimes, the devil wears pants and jubah and spouts verses from the Quran," he said.

Umno members were responsible for defending Islam and the Malays and should not allow these "devils," even if there are 100,000 of them, to influence them, he added.

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