

Party told to explain Islamic State set-up

# Make it clear, PM tells Pas

MST 28 JUL 1986

By NOR HAWA YUNUS  
and K.P. WARAN

**KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. —** Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today challenged Pas to explain "the underlying messages" contained in its manifesto to the non-Malays, particularly the Chinese consultative committee and the parties in the opposition front.

The Prime Minister said the manifesto was vague and that Pas had to make clear a number of issues.

For example, he said, Pas had failed to explain the type of Islamic State it aspired to set up in the country.

"The party has said that it wants to set up an Islamic State in the country.

"Yet, from the various statements made by Pas leaders, it appears as though they do not understand the type of Islamic State they want," Dr Mahathir said at a ceremony to lay the foundation stone of the Kampung Datuk Keramat market redevelopment project.

Many residents and hawkers at the market braved the downpour to listen to the Prime Minister.

Dr Mahathir said Pas had also stated that it wanted to abolish the Penal Code if it came to power.

"If this was so, does the party intend to impose the *hukum hudud* — to chop off the hands, legs or head of those found guilty of a crime?

"They have to state their stand on this because they tell the Malays one thing and the Chinese something else."

## Judges

Dr Mahathir, who is also the Barisan Nasional chairman, said if Pas wanted to impose the *hukum hudud* they must make it clear whether these laws would apply to the Muslim community alone or the non-Malays as well.

"If such laws applied only to the Malays, then there would be a number of Malays who would be maimed, while the others would not be..."

In addition, Pas needed to make clear whether it would appoint only Muslim judges to hear cases committed under the *hukum hudud*.

"If they say that non-Muslim judges would not be appointed, they should tell their friends in the SDP, the CCC and the others."

Pas leaders had delved at length on these issues at meetings with its supporters in the east coast, but they did not explain it to the non-Malays in the west coast, particularly the CCC and other parties in the opposition front.

"Do not be vague because lying is a sin. You may get away with it on earth, but you will be punished in the Hereafter," he added.

Dr Mahathir said Pas had also stated that it

★ TURN TO P2, COL7

# DAP taken to task by

Dr M  
MST 28 JUL 1996  
★ FROM PAGE ONE

planned to set up a royal commission to review the laws passed since independence and to determine whether they violated basic human rights.

He wanted to know who would review the laws, and if Pas were to do it, whether it would benefit only the party.

"If the non-Malays are represented in the royal commission, can Pas genuinely guarantee that Islam will be safeguarded?" he asked.

Dr Mahathir also took a swipe at the DAP, saying that the party was a racist one catering only to the needs of a single community.

He said the party only knew how to criticise the Government and take it (the Government) to court, but had done nothing for the development of the country.

The DAP should explain to the electorate how it hoped to fulfil its election promises.

Unlike the opposition, the Barisan Nasional would keep its promises as was evident from the nation's development, he added.

Later, speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony for the construction of 1,000 low-cost flats in Seri Gombak, Dr Mahathir warned the rakyat not to be hoodwinked by the "marriage of convenience" of the opposition parties to lure voters.

"The Barisan Nasional, and prior to that, the Alliance, is a permanent coalition of political parties to serve the people. It is a lasting pact to help the people, unlike some opposition parties which form a pact just to contest the election.

"The fate of the pact after the election will not be known until much later. Already there are cracks in the opposition front's pact as there is in-fighting among its leaders and members," he said.

He pointed out that the Barisan Nasional had a history of fair administration and could be trusted to keep its promises to the rakyat.