

Dr M to PAS: Prove you are not deceiving voters

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Barisan Nasional chairman Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad challenged PAS today to answer three questions to prove it was not trying to deceive the people.

He said the PAS manifesto released yesterday showed that the party's leaders were trying to hide their real intentions and were feeding different stories to Muslims and non-Muslims.

"I invite PAS to explain

whether they are going to replace the Penal Code with Islamic laws," he said. The PAS manifesto, among other things, said that the party would abolish the Penal Code and revise the country's laws.

Dr Mahathir's three questions to PAS leaders were:

● WOULD it behead people or chop off their hands under its laws if it comes into power and is this law applicable to only Muslims or non-Muslims as well?

● WHO is going to judge people accused of crimes — Muslims only or non-Muslims as well? and

● WHO is going to review the laws — Muslims or non-Muslims?"

Dr Mahathir said if the law applied to Muslims only, then there would be many Muslims without hands while non-Muslims would be in possession of all their limbs.

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If the same law was to be applied to non-Muslims, PAS should tell this to the DAP and SDP with which it is co-operating, he said.

He said PAS should also explain if justice would be meted out by Muslim judges only. If non-Muslim judges were to be used as well and non-Muslims were to review the country's laws, he said PAS should explain how they would apply and review Islamic laws.

"If non-Muslims are to be allowed to review Islamic laws, what guarantee is

there that Islamic laws will be preserved," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who was speaking at a ceremony to lay the foundation stone for a new market at Datuk Keramat, said the PAS manifesto proved that its leaders were saying different things to the Muslims and something else to the non-Muslims.

"They talk about an Islamic State but they have not explained what an Islamic State is all about. Judging from what little its leaders say on this subject, I think they themselves do not understand what an Islamic

State is," he said.

Dr Mahathir asked the people in Datuk Keramat, which falls within the Titiwangsa parliamentary constituency, to support the Barisan candidate Drs Suleiman Mohamed.

Drs Suleiman is being challenged by PAS candidate Dr Haji Abbas Alias, 72, and the DAP's Yee Kai Wah.

Dr Mahathir also said PAS and the DAP could not provide development because they could never form the Government.

"PAS is contesting only 98 of the 177 seats and the

less than 70. They can make promises but they will never form the Government because unlike the Barisan, they are not contesting all the seats."

He said the people should vote the Barisan because "we have proven that we can bring development and stability. And what we say, we will do."

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali and Drs Suleiman later mingled with the crowd, and spoke to stallholders in the market.