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by Pas

BATU PAHAT, Wed. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said the recent denial by Pas about dropping the term "Islamic State" from its manifesto was purely a "political denial".

He said Pas had hoped that only Chinese papers would carry the statement but had to make a denial when Bahasa Malaysia and English papers carried it.

He was commenting on Pas information chief Subky Latif's denial on Monday a report quoting him that Pas had dropped the term "Islamic State" from its manifesto.

The original report was published in the *New Straits Times*, *Berita Harian*, *Business Times*, *Nanyang Siang Pau* and *Shin Min Daily News* following two separate interviews by the reporters with Encik Subky.

"The DAP too, which in the past, had been very vocal in championing the rights of the non-Malays, had now compromised and was willing to work with those who had been critical the progress of non-Bumi-puteras," he said.