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KUALA TERENGGANU, OCT 17 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CRITICISED OPPOSITION PARTIES WHICH MISUSE MOSQUES TO GAIN INFLUENCE.

HE SAID MOSQUES, AS A FORUM FOR PROMOTING UNITY, SHOULD BE USED BY ALL MUSLIMS AND NOT JUST A CERTAIN GROUP.

OPENING THE MASJID KAMPUNG BATU HAMPAR, MANIR, ABOUT 15KM FROM HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THEIR ACTIONS HAD LED TO INCIDENTS LIKE THE TWO-IMAM ISSUE WHICH BROUGHT SHAME TO MUSLIMS.

HE SAID IT WAS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE ACTION OF PAS LEADERS HAD SPLIT THE PEOPLE TO THE EXTENT THAT SOME PAS MEMBERS WERE NOT WILLING TO PRAY IN MOSQUES WHOSE IMAMS WERE UMNO SUPPORTERS.

+SUCH PRACTICE NOT ONLY UNDERMINED UNITY AMONG THE PEOPLE BUT ALSO CAN BE EXPLOITED BY THE ENEMIES OF ISLAM,+ HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA
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