

Forsake party, Dr M tells Pas members

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PENDANG, Sat. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today urged Pas members to forsake their party which he said had been killed by Semangat 46 leader Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah.

"Pas no longer exists because it has been killed by Tengku Razaleigh and Pas no longer has a chance to win in the general election," he said.

Speaking to a huge crowd at Kampung Baru, near here tonight, he stressed that Pas under Fadzil Noor had betrayed its members by giving up too many seats to Semangat 46, making it impossible for Pas to form a government on its own.

He called on the party's members to forsake Pas and not to cast their vote for the party tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir also criticised Tengku Razaleigh for dragging former Prime Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman into the political fray as Tengku Abdul Rahman had contributed a great deal to the nation in the past and should be left alone now.

He described Tengku Razaleigh's action as unscrupulous as were his other actions of co-operating with the DAP and Pas and intending to kill these parties.

Later in Tokaj the Prime Minister said although Malaysia has a multi-racial population, its people live peacefully as the Barisan Nasional government ensure the races did not fight with each other

through racial representation in the BN.

In fact, Malaysians live more happily as compared to other Third World countries, or even some developing countries.

"The Barisan Nasional components comprise moderate parties with leaders who are willing to cooperate among them," he added.

Earlier in Kulim, Dr Mahathir said the DAP and Pas have never expressed their gratitude to the security forces for enabling them to carry out their political activities with overwhelming freedom over the past years.

Later, at a Press conference, Dr Mahathir assured the people that there would not be any riots or chaotic situation during or after the country's general election.

He said the people should not listen to rumours saying that the country might be thrown into social unrest with riots in several places.

He also advised political parties to restrain themselves from agitating or provoking the people by bringing up sensitive issues.

"Remember the 1969 (racial) riots? We have to remind ourselves and other political parties not to indulge in sensitive issues. We must never ridicule or mock at each other.

"I assure that the BN component parties will not resort to such unhealthy and irresponsible manners."