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KOTA BAHARU, March 28, (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has advised the people of Kelantan to be patient in facing difficult times following the Barisan Nasional's defeat in the general election last October.

Muslims in the state especially should exercise restraint particularly during the fasting month and learn from the defeat and what was going on in the state now.

The Prime Minister assured them that their predicament was nothing compared to the suffering of Muslims in war-torn Kuwait, Iraq and Palestine.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, was addressing a gathering after performing special prayers at the Umno building here today.

Even if the people could not accept the present PAS-led state government, they have to be patient, said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir who was on one day unofficial visit here.-- More

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The Prime Minister said the conduct of the present state government has caused some Parti Semangat 46 stalwarts to leave the ruling Angkatan Perpaduan Ummah coalition.

He felt that Semangat 46 members contemplating of leaving it should do so now and those thinking otherwise could join PAS instead.

+Only then we can know who they really are,+ he said.

The Prime Minister said the time was still inappropriate for him to make an official visit to Kelantan.

He said, so far he has not rejected any invitation from the state government.-- Bernama

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