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MAHATHIR SAYS PAS MADE POLICE REPORT TO POLITICISE HUDUD LAWS ISSUE
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IPOH, May 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that the police report lodged by PAS over his speech in Sabah last week about implementation of +hudud+ laws in Kelantan was aimed at politicising the issue.

PAS had a 'mischievous intention as it wanted to attract public attention by creating a hue and cry over various issues such as the implementation of the +hudud+ laws, he told a press conference here.

PAS Youth head Abu Bakar Chik lodged a police report at the Kota Setar Police station yesterday, alleging that Dr Mahathir's speech at the Jamek Mosque in Papar on May 1 contravened Section 298A of the Penal Code.

+PAS is trying to gag me in an attempt to cover up their mistakes,+ Dr. Mahathir said.

He also questioned the statement by Kelantan Menteri Besar Haji Nik Aziz Nik Mat yesterday that the +hudud+ laws in the state would not apply to non-Muslims. -- more

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Nik Aziz had no authority to issue such a- +fatwa+ '(religious ruling), he said, adding that in Islamic countries like Saudi Arabia, the +hudud+ laws were applicable to everyone.

On the statement by DAP vice-chairman Karpal' Singh that the DAP would oppose the implementation of +hudud+ laws in Kelantan, the Prime Minister said the DAP stand was questionable as the party supported PAS during the last general election which resulted in the MCA candidate for Kota Baharu being defeated by the PAS candidate.

Dr. Mahathir also said that the government had no plans to introduce laws in the country to curb 'homosexual activities.

Such laws were unnecessary as the negative lifestyle, rampant in the West, was not accepted by society here, he added. -- Bernama

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