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PAS' HUDUD LAWS NOT ISLAMIC HUDUD LAWS, SAYS PM

Mahathir - hudud

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KUALA LUMPUR , Aug 15 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the government cannot accept the +hudud+ (Islamic penal) laws proposed for implementation by PAS in Kelantan because they were contrary to Islamic +hudud+ laws.

'The Prime Minister said there were differences in the Islamic +hudud+ laws and what he described as the PAS' +hudud+ laws.

+We are convinced that what PAS claims to be hudud laws are PAS' hudud laws and not Islamic hudud laws.

+We cannot accept the PAS' hudud laws because we accept the Islamic hudud laws,+ he told reporters after opening the MCA annual general assembly here.

In his speech earlier, Dr Mahathir had said that +hudud+ laws had been exploited by PAS to entrap Umno. He had also said **that** PAS' +hudud+ laws and **Islamic** +hudud+ laws were two different things and that Umno would **never** support PAS' +hudud+ laws. -- more

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PAS' intention to implement +hudud+ laws in Kelantan, a state which it administers, has drawn criticism from various quarters, particularly non-Islamic political parties including the MCA and Gerakan.

Dr Mahathir said PAS had been the source of Islamic disunity in the country on several occasions in the past.

He said that at one time all Muslims prayed together but because of PAS they pray separately.

He also said that Muslims had separate cemeteries and Muslims subscribing to different political ideologies were prohibited from marrying each other.

+... All these because of PAS' interpretations,+ he added.

Dr Mahathir said the government realised that what PAS construed as Islamic teachings **sometimes** differed from what Islam taught. -- Bernama