
Dr M: Don't misuse religion

ALOR STAR: Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has stressed again that politics should not mix with religion.

The Prime Minister said certain political parties were misleading Muslims by exploiting religion to gain political mileage.

He cited as examples the stand by PAS and Semangat 46, who did not support the revised Constitution Amendment Bill concerning the Rulers in Parliament last week.

"They (PAS) claimed to uphold religion by saying that no one was immune in Islam.

"But when it came to the crunch, they chose to place party politics and personal gain above that of religion.

"This is the problem when you mix politics with religion. These parties cannot and will not stand up for religion when it matters," Dr Mahathir told several hundred Muslims after a breaking fast ceremony at the Masjid Sungai Laka in Changloun on Friday night.

Also present were the Mentris Besar of Kedah and Perlis, Tan Sri Haji Osman Aroff and Dr Abdul Hamid Pawanteh, respectively.

Dr Mahathir said Malaysia was progressing well and was one of the very few Muslim nations where Muslims were not suppressed in their homeland.

Dr Mahathir and Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Ali earlier visited Pekan Rabu here to buy kuih for Hari Raya. He used to sell teh halia there as a schoolboy during the Japanese occupation.