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Mahathir - hudud (with pix)

"PAS MAKES HUDUD A POLITICAL ISSUE, MAHATHIR

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PEKAN, Nov 25 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Kelantan government purposely tabled the bill to introduce the hudud law to make it a political issue "although they know that the move may contradict the federal constitution."

He said the PAS-led government kept on doing this although they believed that "we will not allow them to implement it."

"They could use it as a political issue in the general election... by saying that PAS wants to implement it but was disallowed by the federal government," he told reporters here today.

"Despite knowing that they cannot do it ... they still insist on doing it for want of political issue. That is PAS."

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Dr Mahathir said the federal government needed to study matters submitted by the Kelantan government to determine whether they were required by religion or just a PAS political ploy.

For example, the federal government wanted to know if PAS had taken into consideration the situation in Malaysia as a whole or just the situation in Kelantan.

Dr Mahathir regretted that while the federal government was trying to make the Muslim community strong, there were people who tried to project Islam as a difficult religion.

"We want Muslims to be as strong as the non-Muslims so that we won't be oppressed like the people in Bosnia, but PAS wants this and they do not care if the people in Bosnia die," he said.--Bernama

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