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Mahathir - Hudud (repeat, fixing garbling in second para)
GOVERNMENT TO ABIDE BY RELIGIOUS EXPERTS' VIEW ON HUDUD LAW

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 11 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the government will accept the Hudud law drawn up by PAS only if Islamic religious experts say it is really in line with Islamic teachings.

He said this was because laws drawn up by PAS were unfair and served interests other than that stipulated by the religion.

Hence the Federal Government through the Prime Minister's Department would select Islamic religious experts to study the Hudud Law as drawn up by PAS.

"We find that the PAS laws were drawn up to serve interests other than that of the religion. We need people not tied to any political party or vested interests...to study the Hudud purely from the aspect of religion, crime and other aspects," he told reporters after visiting the Kuala Lumpur Paediatric Hospital. -- more

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Mahathir - Hudud 2 Kuala Lumpur (repeat)

Earlier the Prime Minister and his wife Datuk Seri Datin Paduka Dr Siti Hasmah received a giant Hari Raya card signed by the children receiving treatment at the ward.

During his recent visit to Kelantan Dr Mahathir urged the people in the state to reject the laws because they were not in line with the Syariah.

He also said that a body comprising learned experts in Islam had to be set up to study the PAS laws in detail.

Dr Mahathir said PAS laws were not fair and unfair laws did not originate from Islam.

"They originated from PAS which is striving to show that it strongly abided by Islam," he said.

Asked on his views about plagiarism allegedly committed by a Universiti Malaya professor, Dr Mahathir said he did not like such practice as it was no good. -- more

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Mahathir - Hudud 3 (last) Kuala Lumpur (repeat)

The Prime Minister said the relevant authorities should not take the matter lightly.

Asked whether investigations should be carried out, he said it was up to the university concerned to do it. -- Bernama

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