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DR MAHATHIR WANTS TO KNOW STANCE OF PAS MEMBERS ON ARQAM

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JITRA, Aug 18 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he wants to know the stance of PAS members on the teaching of Al-Arqam movement.

He said although PAS leaders like Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat and Haji Fadzil Noor had stated that they agreed with the government's action against Arqam other leaders have been telling the kampung people that the government was oppressing the Muslim.

"If they consider Arqam Islam, it means that they agree with Arqam teaching which claims that Ashaari (Arqam chief Ashaari Muhammad) has the characteristics of God. I want to know from PAS members if they believe this," he told reporters after opening a public library here today.

On his meeting today with Kedah Umno liaison committee members, Dr Mahathir said they discussed routine party administrative matters and PAS allegations against the party.

"For example, they read part of my letters to Nik Aziz to give the picture that we rejected the Hudud Law... what we reject is PAS Penal Code and not Hudud," he said.

Dr Mahathir said PAS leaders were saying one thing but their leaders at kampung level were singing a different tune.

PAS claimed that Islam was their guideline and they wanted to form a government based on Islam but sadly they were unable to do that even at the party level. --Bernama

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