

Dr M challenges Pas to prove allegations of land sale

ALOR STAR, Sun. -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today offered rewards for anyone who had evidence to prove that he had sold land for RM70 per square foot for the construction of a museum in Langkawi.

He also challenged former Pas youth chief Mohamad Sabu to substantiate his allegations that he (Dr Mahathir) had sold such land.

"If anyone can show the proof, I will reward them. If Mohamad Sabu could divulge the proof, I will reward him," he said.

Dr Mahathir advised the public not to be misled by people like Mohamad Sabu, Subky Latif and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat who had been using Islam for political gains.

The Prime Minister also criticised the DAP, which is contesting a State seat in Alor Star, for fanning racial sentiments.

"DAP is an anti-Malay party. It is attempting to

destroy the excellent goodwill among the races in the country," he added.

Dr Mahathir suggested that the DAP change its name to LKS party or Lim Kit Siang party.

"DAP belongs to the Lim family. His son Guan Eng will succeed him later," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the DAP, in its campaign in Penang, had used dirty tactics in trying to win the confidence of the people of Penang.

"They are going to the market and spreading lies saying that the Malays are driving Mercedes cars and these Malays are friends of Dr Mahathir.

"It is true there are Malays driving Mercedes but they are also Chinese driving Mercedes.

"They (DAP) are really dirty and they do it merely to fish for votes," he added.

Dr Mahathir also explained Lim's arrogant character to become the Chief Minister with power

and his Robocop image.

He also highlighted the success of the country in sustaining the rapid economic growth which was recognised by the World Bank and foreign countries.

He hoped on Tuesday the people would return the mandate to the Barisan Nasional to form the Government for the betterment of the nation.

Dr Mahathir also revealed Pas' latest tactic in trying to fish for votes -- in the form of a letter requesting the Kedah State Government to postpone its plan to switch the Friday rest day to Sunday after the general election.

He said the letter, purportedly issued by the Islamic Religious Affairs Division in the Prime Minister's Department, on the advice of the Prime Minister, was sent to the Menteri Besar's private secretary recently.

"This (letter) is a lie. This (lie) is very typical of Pas.

"This letter is false. I guarantee you this is Pas'

doing," he told reporters.

Later, when speaking at a leader-with-the-people gathering at Mergong, near here, Dr Mahathir said the letter was dated August last year and signed by one Abdul Samad Jamaluddin, an officer in the division, on behalf of secretary to the Government Tan Sri Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid.

The Prime Minister said it was a practice for Ahmad Sarji to discuss with him any matter before a new directive was issued.

"In this case (the request to postpone the Friday day rest day switch), was never brought to my attention."

When asked why Pas had resorted to sending the letter, the Prime Minister said the opposition party did so to get more votes by creating an issue over the weekend switch.

"When they do this (sending the letter), the Malays will feel that the Government wants to change the weekend from Friday to Sunday," he said.