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STOP BLAMING OTHERS WHEN TRAGEDY OCCURS, SAYS PM

KOTA KINABALU, 31 Ogos (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today hit out at those who are quick to blame others when a tragedy occurs but never think of ways to provide assistance.

The Prime Minister said there were many people in the country who preferred to point fingers at others and look for reasons to blame them.

"In Malaysia, there are among us those who are not so concerned if people die, but feel good if there is a tragedy" as they can look for someone to blame, he said when commenting on the Pos Dipang mudslide disaster two days ago.

"This is not a good attitude," he added at a press conference before leaving for Tawau after attending the national-level 39th National Day celebrations here.

Dr Mahathir said certain quarters, wanting to find fault with government policies, would cite possible construction work in the area as the cause of the disaster.

The Prime Minister, however, said yesterday that it was unlikely that there was any construction going on in the area as it was an Orang Asli settlement.

"I'm not interested in finding excuses. I feel very, very sad that people should suffer this way and we want to do something about it," he said.

Dr Mahathir said all parties must be sympathetic and help the victims by taking appropriate actions.

He said he did not know the cause of the Pos Dipang mudslide as he had not been given a detailed briefing about it.

"The fact is that it is a tragedy and we must respond to the tragedy," he said. -- BERNAMA

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