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Mahathir-Firecrackers

PM: THOSE PLAYING HOME-MADE CRACKERS ARE TRING TO COMMIT SUicide

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said those who resort to home-made firecrackers are "seeking to commit suicide" as they have not learnt from previous incidents.

Dr Mahathir, who is also the Home Minister, said the government has discharged its responsibility by enforcing a ban on the sale of firecrackers, and it is difficult for it to ensure that no one makes his own firecrackers.

"We have imposed a ban to the extent that the government is able to, but if they want to look for those things (sulphur) and insert them into bamboos and then explode them and kill themselves there's nothing we can do," he told reporters after recording his Hari Raya Puasa message at Angkasapuri.

He said it is impossible for the government to check all the people at all times to ensure that they do not resort to such activity.

In the past several days, police have reported several cases of people, including children, being injured while playing home-made firecrackers.

Dr Mahathir said previous incidents should have prevented people from resorting to home-made firecrackers during the current festive season.

He said parents too have been frequently reminded to ensure that their children do not play home-made firecrackers.

"Sometimes parents do not seem to be that responsible, they want to leave everything to the government. There's no country in which the government is able to check all the activities of its people," he said. --  
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