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PRESS HAS MADE UP ITS MIND....SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, April 28 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today there is a tendency to view something as fair when it is against the government and unfair when it is against the opposition.

He said this when asked for his comments on the Melaka High Court decision against DAP Deputy Secretary-General Lim Guan Eng who was found guilty on two counts of publishing false news.

Dr Mahathir said not only the opposition but also the press would read the verdict as unfair.

"That's what the press will read ... when something is anti-government it is fair ... when it is something against the opposition it is unfair," he said adding "why ask me when you (press) have made up your mind."

He said this after launching the Malaysia Challenge, a world sailing grand prix, to be held in Langkawi.

Earlier in his speech, Dr Mahathir hoped the six-day event beginning Dec 2 would receive good response and would boost Malaysians' interest in water sports.

On the invitation by the organisers to join the competition, Dr Mahathir said: "I have been doing a lot of sailing but mainly on land ..... sailing through my work ... with a lot of turbulence."

"As you know if you have a calm situation nothing works and nothing moves at all," he said

Some 10 teams including from Malaysia are expected to participate in the event which offer a US\$100,000 (US\$1 = RM2.5) prize money and a RM20,000 Malaysian designed trophy for the winner.

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