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Public urged not to distribute materials

KUALA TERENGGANU, Mon. - The public have been advised not to distribute printed matters containing negative remarks on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Umno information chief Datuk Dr Yusof Nor said such action was not only damaging to Umno but also portrayed Islam as a religion which condoned animosity, slander and hatred among its followers.

"We have proper channels to find solutions to whatever problems or to find the cause to a problem. We don't have to become tools of others to emphasise our sympathy to someone by printing and distributing materials containing negative remarks," he said.

He was asked on reports that the printed matter on "53 Sebab Mengapa Dr Mahathir Tidak Boleh Jadi Perdana Menteri" (53 reasons Why Dr Mahathir Cannot Be The Prime Minister) was distributed in several mosques and suraus in Penang.

"There is no justification for such action. I fear that third parties will take advantage of the current situation to make it worse."

Yusof also said that as someone who had vast experience in the Government and politics, Anwar should regard his dismissal as "a technical hitch" in his career.

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