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CALL TO KILL PM WORK OF FRUSTRATED PEOPLE

MARANG, March 22 (Bernama) -- The call to assassinate Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and slandering of Umno leaders were the work of frustrated people, Terengganu Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad said today.

He said they wanted to create chaos in the country so that foreign powers could intervene.

" We hope such things will not happen in our country," he told reporters after a meet-the-people session at Kampung Jambu Bongkok, here.

He was commenting on the statement by Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali that audio tapes calling for the assassination of government leaders including Dr Mahathir were being circulated in Kelantan.

He urged the people in Terengganu to be vigilant and not to be influenced by such calls from people who have lost hope.

In another development, Wan Mokhtar confirmed that the gold processing plant in Lubuk Mandi, Rusila, would temporarily cease operations end of this month.

He said the plant run by Permint Minerals Sdn Bhd (PMINT), a subsidiary of the Terengganu Economic Development Corporation, had to be shut down due to high production cost.

Until last year, the plant produced more than RM80 million worth of gold.

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