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DON'T PROVOKE THE PEOPLE, IBRAHIM TELLS OPPOSITION PARTIES

KOTA BAHARU, June 10 (Bernama) -- Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali today urged the opposition parties not to provoke the people into opposing the Barisan Nasional (BN) government to avoid chaos in the country.

He said the baseless accusations and lies could create tension among the people and could end in situation which could jeopardise national security.

"I urge the opposition parties, especially Pas leaders, to be more responsible because there's a limit to provocation. That's why Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad mentioned the possibility that the upcoming general election might be the dirtiest in the country's history," he told reporters, here.

Ibrahim said Pas and its supporters were also disturbing ceramahs held by the BN, even his ceramah, to create trouble.

He said Pas was doing it probably because the party was in a mess as its leaders were issuing statements contradicting each other.

In this connection, he hoped the people especially those in Kelantan to reassess their support to Pas which had deviated from its original struggle.

"Umno is still sticking to its old policy to unite the people, to bring development to the country and to carry out development projects in this state irrespective of people's political beliefs," he said.

Ibrahim said the federal government would also intensify the implementation of development projects in Kelantan where RM2.5 billion had been allocated under the Seventh Malaysia Plan.

The projects included building a third bridge over Sungai Kelantan, expanding the Sultan Ismail Petra airport and building Gua Musang-Lojing highway.

Meanwhile, Kelantan BN secretary Datuk Mohd Ariffin Abdul Hamid said the Prime Minister would make a two-day official visit to Kelantan from July 22 where, among others, he would meet some 50,000 people in Pasir Mas.

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