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Dr M exposes another Pas lie

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PETALING JAYA, Wed. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tonight exposed another lie by Pas which has been distributing a letter purportedly written by him to the Israeli Prime Minister, seeking to establish diplomatic relations with the Jewish state.

Although the letter carried the Federal Government's crest that made it look authentic, the Prime Minister said it was obviously a fake as the contents were littered with errors.

"They want to lie but sadly they are not that good at it.

"The English is badly written while my signature does not look like mine.

"The name and address of the Israeli Prime Minister is not stated and the phrase "the honourable" is used instead of "your excellency" which is the usual style in official letters," he said at a meet-the-people session at Bandar Sunway where he also showed a copy of the letter to the crowd.

Also present were Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Abu Hassan Omar and BN candidates for the parliamentary and state seats under the Petaling district.

"They are free to lie and slander me and the Barisan Nasional Government. We have no fear of this as we are confident that on Nov 29, the people will reject this party of lies," he said to loud applause.

Dr Mahathir said Pas and its leaders like Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat were not consistent at all in their stand.

"Nik Aziz once said that the country could only be led by ulama but recently he declared that Pas was willing to accept non-Muslims like Lim Kit Siang (DAP secretary-general) as Prime Minister.

"As he now accepts Kit Siang to lead the country, it means Pas regards him as an ulama. Why are they doing this now? They are doing it as they want the votes from DAP Chinese supporters."

Dr Mahathir said the DAP and Parti Keadilan Nasional had lodged police reports against a series of BN advertisements in the local media, highlighting the street demonstrations and riots following the arrest of former Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

He said it was surprising that when the foreign media continuously showed footage of the riots to give the impression that Malaysia was no longer safe, the Opposition did not protest.

"But when we do the same thing to remind the people of what the Opposition is capable of, they are protesting."

The Prime Minister said the advertisements would continue to be used as BN wanted the people to realise that the Opposition was responsible for the disturbances and thus not fit to be given the mandate to rule the country.

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