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DR MAHATHIR PUZZLED WHY HARUN DIN SOUGHT AUSSIE TREATMENT

MELAKA, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- PAS now has a "bomoh" (faith-healer) said to be able to cure all ailments but who sought treatment in Australia when he fell ill, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

The bomoh the prime minister referred to is Datuk Dr Harun Din, a former Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia lecturer, who is presently a PAS central committee member.

Harun made a controversial statement recently that PAS would take Perlis out of the Malaysian federation should the opposition party gain control of the country's smallest state in the coming general election.

Addressing a 15,000-strong rally here, Dr Mahathir said Harun had claimed that he (Harun) could cure illness by giving the sufferers water, on which he had recited Quranic verses, to drink.

"But when Harun Din has a heart problem, he did not drink such water but instead went to see a doctor in Australia," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who is on a nation-wide tour to enlighten the people on current issues, questioned Harun's preference for medical treatment in Australia whereas the local National Heart Institute itself was not short of competent heart specialists.

Dr Mahathir himself had undergone heart treatment at the institute.

"Is it that he has no faith in our own doctors?" asked the prime minister.

In lighter vein, the prime minister said the government did not mind paying Harun RM1 million if he could come to Melaka to "heal" the people of Melaka with his sacred water.

"The government doesn't have to build hospitals then," he said.

He said Harun and the other PAS leaders should not lie to the people that they could do "this and that".

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