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IT WILL BE A SHORT CAMPAIGN PERIOD- DR MAHATHIR

LANGKAWI, June 27 (Bernama) -- The official campaign period for the General Election will be of short duration to prevent racial tension from arising through irresponsible allegations, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The Prime Minister said the government had a responsibility to ensuring the security of the people and hence would not opt for something (having a long campaign period) merely to satisfy the wishes of the opposition.

"All of the Opposition's ideas are negative, not one of it is positive," he said when launching the "Langkawi Travel Mart" here.

Dr Mahathir said the opposition had long begun its campaign to discredit the government and in fact the campaign period could not be short for them.

He wondered why the Opposition often raised the issue of short campaign periods when they had been campaigning all over the place and slandering the government.

"Why raise the issue of short campaign period when PAS had been visiting every kampung, cursing the government and hurling all types of slander against me," the Prime Minister said.

He was confident that PAS would drop its demand for an Islamic State for it was merely a political demand with no intention whatsoever of bringing about an Islamic state.

"It is merely done to get the people's support when faced with Umno. However any such proposal will restrict its cooperation with the the DAP and for PAS if the DAP does not agree, it will just abide by the DAP's wishes," he said.

This showed that the party had no principles and at each general election the party would change its objectives unlike Umno which remained steadfast to its objectives, Dr Mahathir said.

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