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JOMO SHOULD RESIGN FROM GOVT SERVICE, SAYS PM

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- Universiti Malaya lecturer Prof Dr Jomo Kwame Sundaram, who has filed a suit to prevent the 10th general election from being held, should resign as a government officer, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the attempt to stop the general election was an irresponsible act, especially coming from someone who has never voted in an election.

Dr Jomo yesterday filed an application asking the High Court to declare that the general election could not be lawfully held without the participation of 680,000 people, including him, who registered as voters in April and May this year.

Speaking at a meeting with local editors at his office here, Dr Mahathir said the voter registration process was not new and certain procedures had to be followed.

They include verifying the electoral rolls to ensure there are no phantom voters, voters are not shifted to another constituency without their knowledge and the names of deceased voters are deleted.

Asked on the position of Dr Jomo who is a government officer but has taken the court action, the Prime Minister said: "He should quit if he wants to be a politician."

Dr Mahathir said he himself had resigned as a government medical officer when he wanted to be active in politics sometime ago.

"We as government officers must abide by the General Orders which prohibit government officers from being actively involved in politics," he said.

Nomination for the general election is on Saturday, and polling on Nov 29.

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