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Keadilan-Mahathir

KEADILAN ALLEGES ABUSE OF POWER BY PM

MELAKA, June 26 (Bernama) -- The Melaka Youth wing of Parti Keadilan Nasional (Keadilan) today lodged a police report alleging abuse of power by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali.

Melaka Keadilan Youth chief Muhammad Zahid Arip accused Dr Mahathir and Ibrahim of using the Prime Minister's Department (JPM) for political matters of Umno.

The report was lodged after Keadilan had studied the contents of a pamphlet "Menangani Fitnah Habis-habisan" (to counter defamation totally) published by the Umno Supreme Council, he said after lodging the report at the Melaka Tengah police station here.

He said the six-page pamphlet was distributed at the recent Umno general assembly.

Zahid said the contents of the pamphlet, which requested Umno members to forward information to the Umno Supreme Council task force secretariat at the JPM here, showed the JPM had been misused for other interests other than government matters.

"We have been accused all along of making unfounded statements on Umno misusing government machinery...today's police report is made together with the proof," he said.

He said the report requested police to investigate Dr Mahathir and Ibrahim under Section 2(1) Emergency Ordinance (Essential Powers) No 22/1970.

Zahid was accompanied by Melaka Keadilan Youth secretary Syamsul Iskandar Mohd Akin and Melaka Keadilan Youth information chief Mohd Shahrom Shah in lodging the report.

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