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MAJOR POWERS GIVING BLIND EYE TO FLAWS, SAYS MAHATHIR

JOHOR BAHRU, June 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said it is for the selfish interests of the world's major powers that they choose to ignore the flaws in the world order which Malaysia constantly highlights.

Although initially dismissed, a large segment of the world was slowly accepting the validity of Malaysia's views on the flawed world order, he said.

The flaws were, among others, relating to the economic system, the plight of oppressed Muslims, violation of human rights and of democracy as well as foreign interference in local affairs, he said.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said this in his foreword in the souvenir programme book for tomorrow's Johor Umno convention.

Deputy Prime Minister and Umno vice-president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is scheduled to open the convention in Batu Pahat.

The prime minister said the question was whether Malaysians were willing to destroy and handover their sovereignty to outsiders and other irresponsible lot.

" Let's have faith in the goodness of having a common purpose. Let's together defend our sovereignty and dominance for a common good," he said.

He said that Malaysians have chosen unity in diversity and boldly explored a new ideal to create a united Malaysian nation.

On Islam, the prime minister said: "Our Islamic cause is clear. We like to see Islam dignified in all aspects."

Dr Mahathir said it was not easy to put in place a comprehensive education, banking and insurance system efficiently administered the Islamic way.

"We have however successfully implemented them. The Muslim world also wants to learn from us. We're now gradually promoting an Islamic judicial system," he added.

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