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MORE ISLAMIC BOOKS ON INTERPRETATIONS TO BE PUBLISHED

KUALA LUMPUR, June 18 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian Islamic Development Department (Jakim) and state Islamic religious departments will publish more Islamic books on interpretations to dispel doubts and confusion among Muslims on certain issues.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Paduka Dr Abdul Hamid Othman said today the books would be relevant within the context of development in Malaysia.

"A book on `mengupat' (bad-mouthing others) will be out today for distribution to Muslims," he told reporters after attending the opening of the Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC), here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir in his opening speech at the general assembly had said that the most dangerous form of politics was harping on Islamic issues and misinterpreting religion for politics.

Dr Abdul Hamid, who is also Umno Supreme Council member, said the outcome of discussions on Islam during Umno general assembly for example would also be disseminated to the general public through booklets, lectures and forum.

"We invite all Umno members to help people see the light because Umno is doing what is demanded by Islam and not PAS," he said.

Dr Abdul Hamid said the opposition party viewed development as against Islam.

"They reject development. They talk about Islam but they don't face reality," he said,

He said PAS' greatest sin was to brand another Muslims in particular Umno members as "kafir" and this was prohibited in Islam.

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