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Mustapa-Cassette

MY NAME IS ALSO IN DEATH THREAT LIST, SAYS MUSTAPA

BATU PAHAT, July 11 (Bernama) -- Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said his name was among the death threat list mentioned in cassettes distributed by certain people to teachers and schools.

"I have heard the cassette and my name included in the death threat list," he told reporters after opening a small and medium industry exposition, here today.

He said the death threat and the bad things said about the Sultan of Kelantan in the cassettes were taking things too far.

"They are willing to use the al-Quran to justify their action including the call for Umno leaders to be killed," said Mustapa who is also Entrepreneur Development Minister.

Head of the Umno Committee on Defamation Datuk Ibrahim Ali mentioned today of another cassette, containing directive to kill Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and condemning the personal character of the Sultan.

The cassette entitled "SHIT" was said to contain speech of an opposition leader who quoted quranic verses in justifying call for the Prime Minister to be killed as well as criticising the character of the Sultan when he was Tengku Mahkota.

Mustapa hoped that the people would not fall prey to such dangerous tactics.

Asked on Datuk Dr Harun Din's statement that PAS would take Perlis out of Malaysia if it came to power, he said it showed that how desperate PAS was to fish for votes of the people.

Mustapa, who is also Umno Supreme Council member, said PAS would resort to anything to win votes.

"I'm sure the people are rational and will not be influenced by the tactics of the opposition party because if it does, the country will be finished," he said.

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