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PAS CANNOT TAKE CREDIT FOR DEVELOPMENT, SAYS DEPUTY MINISTER

TUMPAT, June 27 (Bernama) -- PAS has never contributed to the country's progress, and the development the people are enjoying was brought by Umno, an Umno leader said.

Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Paduka Ibrahim Ali said the rise of Malaysia as a fast developing Muslim country was the result of Umno's struggle, and this should be acknowledged by PAS leaders.

"PAS should not be fond of criticising the government by claiming to be Islamic actions that are against the religion," he said when opening the final of the state-level elocution contest at Sekolah Kebangsaan Kubang Batang here last night.

Ibrahim said PAS leaders should admit their failure to develop the country and not try to discredit the country's leadership.

It was regrettable that PAS even poisoned some people's minds to make them hate the government by claiming only PAS could uphold Islam, he said.

"I wish to stress here that it was Umno leaders led by the Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad) and not PAS who struggled for Islam to gain recognition for Malaysia as a developing Islamic country," he said.

Ibrahim regretted that opposition parties chose to overlook Dr Mahathir's immense contributions to the country and used various means to run him down.

Institut Teknologi Mara student Che Khairul Azhan Che Ahmad emerged first in the contest while Ahmad Fadhli Shaari was second and Rabihah Haron third.

At the function, Kelantan Information Director Ramly Yusoff handed over an anti-fitnah press kit to Pasir Mas MP Zainuddin Mohd Noor.

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