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PAS IS ONLY INTERESTED IN SECURING VOTES, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

KUALA PILAH, Aug 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today that PAS is more interested in securing votes than struggling for Islam which the party is trying to project.

He said that PAS was prepared to drop its objective of setting up an Islamic state as the DAP, its partner in the opposition pact, objected strongly to it.

"PAS obeys Karpal Singh, obeys Chen Man Hin, obeys Lim Kit Siang...because of votes. That is PAS' struggle for Islam which is confined to securing votes," he said at the laying of the foundation stone at the proposed site of Sekolah Menengah Agama Kuala Pilah in Selaru, near here.

He said that if PAS could not be assured of votes, the party would not cooperate and would remain enemies.

"They are in enmity with Umno members because they cannot get votes from Umno members...they cooperate with DAP members because they hope the DAP will give them some votes," he said.

"As for Umno members, when they are ousted from the party, they will accept as friends and comrades people who were previously their enemies.

"The same goes for the party called Keadilan (justice). What is so just about the party...if a person is guilty he must be considered guilty. Stating that he is not guilty is not justice but an injustice.

"We cannot determine that a person is guilty or not. There is a proper body...our judiciary will determine whether a person is guilty or not.

"If we are given the power to determine the guilt or otherwise of our friends, surely we will say that he is not guilty and that means an injustice and not justice because we decide something which is inappropriate. But Keadilan is said to have been set up to seek justice," he said.

The prime minister said that Keadilan or the National Justice Party, was a vehicle of foreigners who were not happy with the existing government which refused to bow to them.

He said that Malaysia would resist their attempts to dominate the country.

"These foreigners wish to topple the government as they are not happy with this government. They want the Keadilan leader to become the prime minister.

"Ask ourselves why these foreigners want this leader of the Keadilan. Is it for the benefit of Malaysia or the benefit of their countries," he said.

The prime minister said that the colonialists did not make any contributions because the country had been developed by its people without their help.

"We are also the ones who saved the country from the attacks of rogue currency speculators and not the foreigners. They are not happy with our actions and they want a leader whom they can easily dictate than one who opposes them.

"As such, Keadilan is given 100 per cent support by the foreign powers and the foreign media. If we were to accept him, it means that we are accepting political domination by the foreigners. Can we accept this...we will not accept political domination by the colonialists, to determine our leader," he said.

"Those who have the right to determine who becomes our leader are the

people themselves," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that an election would be conducted and it would be the people's right to determine who would be in power after the election.

He also called on PAS members not to be obsessed and give blind support to their leaders.

The Barisan Nasional, he said, would provide educational facilities, religious education and knowledge in other aspects which were also essential for Muslims.

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