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PAS WOMEN MEMBERS SHOULD VOTE FOR BN TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION

PENDANG, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today advised PAS women members to vote for Barisan Nasional (BN) in the Nov 29 general election to stop being humiliated by the PAS leaders.

"The PAS women members should realise that they have been humiliated all this while. The prophet had never done this (to women)," he said at a meet the people session, here.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president and BN chairman, said the BN was prepared to accept anyone, even beautiful women to work, as long as they had the education.

He was referring to Kelantan Menteri Besar Kelantan Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat's suggestion recently that pretty women be forbidden to work in Kelantan.

The prime minister said that according to PAS' Islamic teachings, the women in the party might not be allowed to campaign in the general election.

He also said that PAS would continue to lie to the people in its campaigns because it knew that the lies would be quickly forgotten.

"This is PAS' advantage. They will continue to lie because they know that if they lie today, their members will forget five days later," he said.

He said, for example, that at one time PAS lied to the people that former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim was not good but today it lied again when it was prepared to support Anwar and accused the government of being cruel.

"They support Anwar to the extent of being prepared to nominate him as prime minister. This is all for political mileage," he said.

Dr Mahathir also reminded the people to continue supporting the BN government to ensure the country's development and independence.

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