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REJECT PEOPLE WHO MISUSE MOSQUES, SAYS DR M

ALOR SETAR, April 30 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today reiterated his call to Muslims to reject people who use mosques to slander and disparage others.

Speaking at a thanksgiving ceremony at Masjid Al-Ghufran here for his recent return from performing the haj, the Prime Minister said mosques should only be used for fulfilling religious obligations.

"Mosques are places for strengthening the ties and unity of Muslims...not for hurling verbal abuses and lies to achieve political objectives," he said.

He said this action was not consistent with the teachings of Islam which prohibited its followers from doing negative things like slandering and verbally abusing people.

Dr Mahathir said Muslims would become stronger if they fully followed the teachings of Islam, and this would be their source of strength to thwart attempts by certain parties to destroy the country.

Work on the RM5.5 million mosque started last year, and it was completed this month.

Also present were Dr Mahathir's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Menteri Besar Tan Sri Sanusi Junid.

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