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`Set aside differences after polls'

KUALA NERANG, Sat. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight everyone should set aside political differences and close ranks after the general election.

He said it was important the people remained united to ensure peace and harmony in the country.

He said this at a gathering which attracted a mixed crowd, including from the sizeable Thai community.

"We can differ when it comes to politics but please remain united in matters concerning religion.

"This is especially so for the Malays," he said, adding that he had touched on the matter because Pas had caused a split among Malays by branding those who did not support the party as infidels.

The Prime Minister also called on Pas not to misinterpret verses from the Quran to gain political mileage.

"They should stop spreading lies just to fish for votes," he said, adding that Pas claimed to be an Islamic party but did what was forbidden by the religion.

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