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WAN MOKHTAR REGRETS KEADILAN'S MOVE TO INVOLVE RULERS

KUALA BERANG, Sept 18 (Bernama) -- Menteri Besar Tan Sri Wan Mokhtar Ahmad today expressed regret over Parti Keadilan Nasional's move to drag the Malay Rulers into the country's political fray.

Being peace-loving Malaysians, the party leaders should avoid involving the Rulers in political issues to preserve the country's political stability, he said.

The opposition parties have exhausted political capital and have resorted to smear their own country's image as was done by foreigners who were envious with Malaysia's progress," he told reporters after launching the 1999 Land Scheme Rakan Muda Programme at Felda Bukit Bading, here.

Wan Mokhtar said there was no evidence to prove that the government was involved in the alleged arsenic poisoning of former deputy prime minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim as investigations were still in progress.

"Hence, they should not accuse the government on the issue and should stop dragging the Malay Rulers into politics," he said.

Opposition parties and non-governmental organisations today handed over petitions to the Sultans and the Yang di-Pertuas Negeri in several states calling for the setting up of a Royal Commission to investigate the poisoning.

Earlier, in his speech, Wan Mokhtar said the people should be proud of the efforts made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to develop Malaysia to emerge as a model nation to other countries.

He said many countries were keen to learn from Malaysia's success story particularly its self-designed economic recovery measures.

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