

Anti-govt lies led to the attack, says PM

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PUTRAJAYA, Mon: Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad blames the spread of lies and anti-government sentiments by the Opposition for the arms heist in Sauk last Sunday by Al Ma'unah members aimed at toppling the Government through violent means.

He said because of this Umno will explain to the people what actually took place and inform them of the party's struggle.

"Umno also struggles for Islam but not like the one professed by Al-Ma'unah which conducts stupid training, stages a weapons heist and later torturing and killing people.

"That is not an Islamic cause, but a struggle which tarnishes the image of Islam. Umno's struggle is to ensure that Muslims, at least in this country, are equipped with all the necessary knowledge, expertise and noble values to enable them to compete with the rest of the world.

"This is the best kind of struggle, not their kind which claims that members are invincible and capable of bathing in hot oil.

"All these are outright lies," the prime minister said after chairing the supreme council meeting at Seri Perdana today.

On a letter to the editor in *Harakah* online claiming that the incident is proof that Umno has failed to implement Islamic law, Mahathir said this has been expected.

"We have expected that PAS will try to white-wash this group like how they legalised the killing of four policemen during the Memali incident," he said, adding that some of the Al Ma'unah leaders are members of PAS or its kumpulan amal.