

# Mahathir challenges PAS leaders

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Give proof of good deeds for Islam, PM demands of opposition party

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ALOR STAR, Fri: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad challenged PAS leaders today to give proof of what they have done to benefit Islam and the people.

He said PAS only uses Islam to humiliate the religion and the Prophet, and to split the Muslims in the country.

"PAS leaders have said that any government can provide facilities for the people, but given Kelantan, the party cannot even provide clean water," he said.

Speaking at a meet-the-people session at Felda Rakyat Laka Temin near Bukit Kayu Hitam here, Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said that PAS has instead asked the federal government help to provide facilities for the people under its rule.

"The party even asked us for a RM600 million loan and still claims that any government can provide such facilities ... if that is so, why can't they do it?"

"The party also asked for development, including building roads and bridges, from

the Barisan Nasional government.

"This proves that not any government can provide facilities and development, as is the case in states under BN

rule," he added.

Mahathir said Umno has built mosques, set up an Islamic university, an Islamic banking system and Islamic insurance schemes and the

party never humiliates Islam.

The Prime Minister arrived here on a day-long working visit and tonight chaired an Umno Kubang Pasu division meeting.