

Educate people on BN's good deeds, says Dr M

JITRA, Fri: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wants all Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders to educate the masses on the BN's good deeds in the face of opposition attempts to stir up hatred towards the ruling coalition.

Mahathir, who is BN chairman, said that besides the coalition and the government, he himself was a victim of opposition attacks, notably by PAS. In its latest accusation, he said PAS charged that he had discredited Prophet Muhammad when addressing the Umno general assembly.

Speaking at a get-together with BN leaders in the Kubang Pasu parliamentary constituency, Mahathir, who is also Umno president, said the accusation is baseless.

Had he uttered offensive remarks about Prophet Muhammad, the 2,000-strong delegates would definitely have jeered him, said Mahathir, who is also the MP for Kubang Pasu.

Mahathir said PAS is solely bent on inciting the people, the Malays in particular, to despise the Prime Minister and government. In wooin support. Such an approach contributed to the declining support for the ruling coalition in the last general election, he said.

Upon realising this, the BN would strive to redeem the people's confidence and support as well as that from among BN component parties, he said.

"They (PAS) will make promises which are actually entrapments for support and votes," Mahathir said.

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