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HATE CULTURE CAN DESTROY THE COUNTRY, SAYS SULEIMAN

KUALA LUMPUR, July 30 (Bernama) -- The government will not be able to administer the nation well if "hate the leaders" feelings become a culture in the country, said Deputy Health Minister Datuk Seri Dr Suleiman Mohamed.

"Avoid this unhealthy act from becoming a culture as this can destroy the nation," he said after opening a social dialogue session in Kampung Pandan here today.

He said this act would not only jeopardise peace in the country but also threatened the harmony which had been the key to its success so far.

Yesterday, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the hate the leaders campaign by certain parties now had reached a dangerous level.

On the function, Suleiman who is the Member of Parliament for Titiwangsa said the dialogue was able to deal with various issues faced by local residents.

"So far the response to the session was encouraging and we also invite the opposition and non-governmental organisations to join the dialogue to overcome local issues," he said.

The monthly one-day dialogue had been previously held in Kampung Baru, Datuk Keramat and Setapak. Among its objectives was to inculcate the sense of belonging to the residents.

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