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OPPOSITION SEIZES OPPORTUNITY TO ASK PM ABOUT SAUK INCIDENT

KUALA LUMPUR, July 18 (Bernama) -- The opposition took advantage of Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's presence in the Dewan Rakyat today to slot in a question about the recent arms heist in Gerik, Perak.

Although the supplementary question raised was not related to the original question, the prime minister gamely answered it.

In his original question, Nik Wan Yusof (PAS-Bachok) sought clarification from Dr Mahathir on one of his speeches on international trade.

However, in his supplementary question, he wanted to know whether incidents like baby abandonment, fathers killing their children, teachers receiving bullets from students, the Al Ma'unah group and the Sauk incident and the sacking of the former deputy prime minister showed if there was any humanity and culture left in Malaysians.

Dr Mahathir said such things occurred because there were certain parties teaching young children to irrationally hate others.

"If children are taught not to respect their elders and their teachers, then cases of teachers receiving bullets from their students occur. All these are the result of teachings that go against Islamic teachings and our culture," he said.

"The children are taught to hate while still in kindergarten. When hatred is nurtured for years and flares up, incidents like the one in Sauk, as raised by the honourable member, occur," he said.

"This (Al Ma'unah) is also the party. We are not saying which party. It's confirmed...they have confessed...we have the list," he said.

Mohamad Sabu (PAS-Kuala Kedah) then got up to speak but Dr Mahathir pre-empted him saying: "Afraid to hear? If (you're) afraid, then say (you) don't want to hear...easy, no more questions."

"What's there to be afraid of, Mat Sabu?" he said, to laughter from the government backbenchers.

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