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PM: Don't lie just to gain support

JITRA, Fri. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Barisan Nasional members must work hard to regain the people's support, but not by spreading lies.

The Prime Minister said: "We only have to tell the truth about why people should support BN."

Addressing BN component party members at Dewan Jitra here, Dr Mahathir took to task Pas's tactics in trying to win the people's support.

He said BN would not resort to lies in trying to restore people's confidence in Umno and the BN.

Citing peace in the country and the good relations between the races, Dr Mahathir said these should be appreciated.

"We need to appreciate this good relationship that we share ... We need to maintain this harmony between the races through BN."

Dr Mahathir said Pas was bankrupt of ideas and had to lie and manipulate what Umno and BN said. Pas's latest attempt, he said, was the manipulation of his speech at the recent Umno general assembly.

"They took a part of my speech and twisted it ... But this is their (Pas) way (of doing things).

"It seems I insulted Prophet Muhammad in my speech (at the assembly). If that was the case, I am sure Umno members would have stood up and booed me," he added.

He also cited other instances when Pas supporters said he was unable to perform the haj and that he had fallen from a horse while overseas.

Dr Mahathir said Pas was not sincere in its co-operation with the DAP and Parti Keadilan Nasional under Barisan Alternatif.

"They have told villagers to reject Umno because of our co-operation with MCA, saying it is not Islamic," he said.

He said Pas had used Umno's friendship with the MIC and MCA to create hatred towards it.

Dr Mahathir said Pas had fooled its allies and used them to gain more support for itself as reflected by the results of the last general election where Pas gained 27 parliamentary seats compared to DAP's 10 and Keadilan's five.

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