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PM: Party is using women only to garner the votes for its men

PENANG, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today described Pas as a party which used females merely to garner votes for its male members.

He said that it was hypocritical and dishonest of the party to, on one hand, bar their female members from becoming elected representatives, while on the other using them to canvass for male candidates.

"If they (Pas) truly hold to their beliefs and principles, then they should not allow female members to contest.

"It shows that Pas places self-interest over party interests and not religion."

Dr Mahathir was asked to comment on press reports today where the Pas Wanita movement (Dewan Muslimat) had urged the party's leadership to consider fielding women candidates in future elections.

Its representative Hasiah Ali had yesterday said the movement had many potential candidates who were qualified to stand.

Pas Kelantan delegate Hassan Mahmud who supported the proposal said the party should appreciate the contributions by its female members.

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