

# PAS willing to cheat Malays, not Chinese, says Dr M

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PAS is not willing to cheat the Chinese, but is prepared to cheat the Malays, Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad says.

"PAS is prepared to cheat the Malays by saying that to join PAS is to become a Muslim, to vote for it is to go to heaven, praying with an Umno *imam* is not legitimate, slaughtering (of animals) by Umno is forbidden (haram) and many more," he said.

Mahathir said PAS now knows how to write banners in Chinese, and will probably prepare a national constitution in the language, as its leaders have stated that they do not intend to cheat the Chinese.

As a show of good faith, he said, PAS has promised a pig farm for the Chinese in

Terengganu, and Malay reserve land in Kelantan for Chinese schools.

"Why is it that Malays from other states are not allowed to acquire land in Kelantan, yet the Chinese are given such land?" he asked.

Mahathir said PAS should state clearly and in detail the type of government it regards as non-*infidel* and non-secular, which it wants to set up in Malaysia.

"Is that government democratic if everything must be referred to the council of *ulama*, who actually are not elected by the people?"

"Will PAS abolish the civil courts and have only *syariah* courts for all crimes, including sodomy and rape?" the prime minister asked in his keynote ad-

dress, *Malays Forget Easily*, at the opening of the Umno annual general assembly yesterday.

Mahathir said the world has acknowledged Malaysia as a Muslim nation, but PAS disagrees and labels the Barisan Nasional government as *infidel* and secular.

"If PAS wishes to have an Islamic government, will it reject parties like the DAP, non-Malays and non-Muslim Keadilan members who are now their friends?" he asked.

Mahathir said democracy does not guarantee that a chosen government will be a good one, as rogues, religious deviants, the corrupt and the immoral can be national leaders.

He said PAS has also been brainwashing Malays

into thinking that their children should only pursue Islamic studies.

Unfortunately, Mahathir said, during the so-called religious lectures, students are not taught the true Islamic teachings but taught anti-government politics instead.

He said PAS is willing to let Malay children fail as long as they can be exploited by the party, and efforts towards this begin in PAS-organised kindergartens.

"At this stage, innocent children are taught to hate Umno, so that they will be life supporters of PAS."

"To PAS, knowledge is not important. Religion, too, is not important. What is important is PAS's victory in the general election," he said.