

# PAS a traitor to Malays, says PM

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PAS' manipulation of religion has been cited as one of the reasons why Malay students are unable to achieve academic excellence.

Umno president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday that all that mattered to PAS leaders was to get power and for that they were willing to trade off anything, even the Malay race and Islam.

"They see only the vote and support and that is why even children in kindergartens are taught to hate the Government and its leaders.

"The children are also taught that only PAS' own brand of Islam is right and they are also discouraged

from excelling in Mathematics, Science and other subjects deemed as secular as they are not Islamic.

"They don't care if what they are doing will destroy the Malays, so long as they get the power, even if they have to trade off Malay rights to please the DAP and the Chinese," he said in his winding-up speech.

Dr Mahathir said PAS was a traitor to the Malays and the religion because it opposed all efforts by the Government to improve the lot of the Malays, especially in the academic field.

"It claims that what we are doing is secular, we are *kafir* (infidels) and it comes out

with an edict that says it is all right to use aggression against us because we are *kafir*.

"We must never take this lightly because PAS definitely has a bigger agenda when it starts calling Umno *kafir*."

"What PAS is doing now reminds me of the debate among the Malays when I was very young, that is, whether electric lights should be used in mosques or whether the body of a dead Muslim should be carried by hand or in a motorised vehicle as both are Western inventions.

"Such people are the reason why Muslim countries are always left behind in development," he added.