

# Malaysia faces attacks from within, says PM

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ALOR STAR: Malaysia will become a second Afghanistan if certain parties succeed in their efforts to topple the Government by force, the Prime Minister said yesterday.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia now faced "attacks" from within the nation because there were certain parties who were resentful of the peace, development and safety in the country.

He said these parties were also resentful of the ability of the country to defend itself from attacks on the Malaysian currency by foreigners.

Without naming the parties concerned, he said they tried to create trouble to topple the Government by force and other means.

"If they succeed in their efforts, I am certain we will become a second Afghanistan," Dr Mahathir said when opening the Albukhary Complex here yesterday.

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He said Muslims were weak because they did not learn the true teachings of the religion, adding that there was enmity among themselves and they were disunited.

"Certain parties accuse other Muslims of being less Islamic, unIslamic, *kafir* (infidels), secular, et cetera. Thus, we have to focus on solving problems of relations among Muslims who should be brothers.

"We have ignored Islamic teachings on brotherhood in the religion," Dr Mahathir said.

He said some Muslims who wanted to learn about Islam were not really doing so but were learning ways to hate other Muslims and governments of Islamic countries when they entered schools, universities or Islamic academies.

"Moreover, they learn how they can act violently to topple governments of Islamic countries as if this is their duty as Muslims," he claimed.

Dr Mahathir said Malay-

sians sent their children overseas to study Islam with some of them studying for free in certain countries.

"But what they study there is not about Islam. We have evidence of textbooks used by them which teach them how to make hand bombs, rifles and other military equipment to be used to rebel and topple governments.

"They learn to hate their governments. They reject outright whatever their governments do for Islam and Muslims. Instead, they believe that the governments of Islamic countries are all unIslamic and have to be toppled and replaced with governments led by their people."

On the new King, he said a meeting of the Conference of Rulers would be held on Dec 12 to elect the 12th Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

He said the nine Malay Rulers would select the King and his deputy from among themselves.