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`Pas politics leading to disunity among Muslims'

SUBANG, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Pas' brand of politics has caused disunity among Muslims in the country.

He said Muslims were generally united until Pas started its campaign of hatred against the Government.

"Before, we were one race, one religion and free of squabbles. But with Pas, the people are divided so much so that it also undermined their akidah (faith)."

Dr Mahathir said this when asked on the practice of "sembahyang dua imam" (two groups performing prayers separately, each group led by an imam of its choice) due to political differences at the Al-Rahman mosque near Universiti Malaya.

Dr Mahathir was speaking at a Press conference at the Royal Malaysian Air Force base here upon arrival from Uganda where he attended the four-day Global 2001 Smart Partnership International Dialogue.

On the audit of Tabung Haji, Dr Mahathir said he would look into the matter.

In Putrajaya, the religious adviser to the Prime Minister, Tan Sri Abdul Hamid Othman said Muslims should view the incident at the mosque seriously and prevent it from recurring.

He described the incident as regrettable and an attempt to disunite the ummah.

This was the first time such an incident had happened in the city although similar cases had been reported in other States, he said at a Press conference.

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