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Dr Mahathir, Taib main targets at ceramahs

KUCHING, Sat. - With five days to polling, opposition parties have intensified their campaigns with nightly ceramahs in villages and housing estates.

But instead of focusing on issues of how they would run the State if they won the election on Sept 27, they used their speeches to attack Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud.

Hulu Klang State Assemblyman Azmin Ali, who spoke at a ceramah last night, for example, targeted the two leaders throughout most of his speech.

He also hit out at the Sarawak United People's Party for trying to frighten the Chinese by projecting Parti Keadilan Nasional as supportive of militant groups.

Speaking in support of Keadilan's candidate for Pending, Dominique Ng Kim Ho, he said Keadilan had never advocated activities deemed to be extreme.

"Our manifesto is clear in that we respect the Federal Constitution and that all communities are free to practise their religions without fear."

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