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FADZIL NOOR SHOULD SUSTAIN SUPPORT FOR SUHAKAM, DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Nov 3 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said PAS president Datuk Fadzil Noor should not conveniently pick and choose when to lend support to Tan Sri Musa Hitam.

Instead Fadzil should back Musa in all circumstances and not only when the Suhakam (Malaysian Human Rights Commission) chairman issued statements favouring the opposition party, Dr Mahathir said.

"He used to back Musa Hitam and pledged to constantly back him when Musa's statement was in his favour," the prime minister said when approached on today's newspaper reports about Fadzil's remarks on Musa.

The PAS president reportedly questioned Musa's stand when he called on Malaysians to trust the government in dealing with terrorism although its actions, according to Fadzil, may be in violation of human rights and democratic principles.

Dr Mahathir was approached by reporters on this after attending a family day for staff of the Prime Minister's Department at the Wetlands Park here today.

Fadzil reportedly argued that Musa still could not divorce himself from his past position as the government and Umno's number two man.

Dr Mahathir said Musa also could not separate himself from being a Malaysian citizen when giving views.

"As citizens, I feel that all Malaysians, including Fadzil Noor should feel responsible.

"In an alarming situation such as this (the threats of terrorism), he should back the government rather than talk about an Islamic state about which he himself has not been able to explain," Dr Mahathir said.

The prime minister said there was nothing wrong for Suhakam to share the government's stand since not all of government actions were wrong.

Matters that deserved backing should be supported just as flawed actions should not be endorsed, he added.

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