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PAS AND DAP DON'T AGREE ON ISLAMIC STATE, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

SHAH ALAM, June 30 (Bernama) -- The dispute between the DAP and PAS over the setting up of an Islamic state shows that the two parties are incompatible, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"One wants one thing and the other wants something else.

"This is what people call a partnership among thieves...in the end they will quarrel," the prime minister told reporters after opening the 10th Selangor Umno Convention here.

Asked about claims that the dispute between the two on the issue was manipulated by the Barisan Nasional (BN), he said: "They can say what they like."

On rumours that a demonstration would be held during his visit to Universiti Malaya (UM) tomorrow, he said: "I'm going...it (the university) does not belong to them...it belongs to everyone...I also have a right in the university."

He also said that the Malaysian government supported the reappointment of Kofi Annan as the United Nations Secretary-General.

Asked for his opinion on Annan's performance, he said that under the circumstances, any secretary-general would find it difficult to perform his duties as he had to do what other people instructed him to do.

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