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PAS AFRAID OF LOSING NON MUSLIM SUPPORT IF ISLAMIC MODEL IS REVEALED

KUALA LUMPUR, June 23 (Bernama) -- PAS will not disclose the model after which it would emulate the setting up of an Islamic nation in the country as it feared losing non-Muslim support, said former Umno Information chief, Datuk Dr Yusof Noor.

He described the statement made by PAS President Haji Hadi Awang that the Islamic model of its choice would only be revealed after it ruled the country as rather weird.

"This is weird, how can people trust an Islamic nation concept if the model is not explained. He is trying to mislead, because he knows if he reveals the concept now, they would lose support from among the non-Muslims," said Dr Yusof to reporters at the sidelines of the 55th Umno general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today.

Haji Hadi, who is also Terengganu Menteri Besar, was reported to have said that the party need not disclose any further details of the model that would be emulated as it was contained in PAS's general election manifesto.

Hadi was commenting on the call made by Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for PAS to give a written disclosure on the kind of government it would form to prove that it had no intentions to cheat the Chinese.

Dr Yusof said PAS's accusation that Malaysia was not an Islamic state showed the party's narrow political thinking as Malaysia was internationally recognised as an Islamic nation.

"They are disputing it (that Malaysia is an Islamic state) because we are not practicing Hudud laws," he added.

He also said just because Malaysia did not practice Hudud laws, did not mean that it was not an Islamic country.

"An Islamic nation, according to its definition is a country which does not set aside Islamic teachings, observes peace and lays administration guidelines which are not contrary to Islam," he added.

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