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PRIME MINISTER POPULARISES TERM "HAPRAK"

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- The term "haprak" (idiots) became a familiar word among delegates attending the 55th Umno general assembly after party president Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad mentioned it several times in his speech.

Haprak is a local term used in the north of the peninsula to refer to someone who is without initiative but egoistic.

Dr Mahathir described those who liked to flatter foreigners and "were very happy when tossed candies by the whites" as haprak.

The Umno president mentioned the term four times in his presidential address at the Putra World Trade Centre here this morning.

In one reference, he said: "Actually, those who were haprak did not have anything except what we awarded them."

He also used the term haprak when referring to some Malays whom he called traitors for supporting foreign attacks against the Malays.

Before ending his speech, Dr Mahathir again used the term when referring to some Malays who went out of their way to flatter foreigners.

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