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Mahathir-Bunyamin

BUNYAMIN IS HIDING BECAUSE HE IS GUILTY, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA TERENGGANU, Aug 16 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today PAS member Bunyamin Yaakob's action in not coming forward to assist in the probe into the slander case against the prime minister shows he is guilty.

He said Bunyamin was hiding because he knew he had lied when he allegedly accused him (Dr Mahathir) of watching pornographic videos with his grandchildren.

"It's now clear that he (Bunyamin) had hurled slander and had fled. He has been asked to surrender but whether he surrenders or not, the fact is that he had fled and this means he is guilty," Dr Mahathir told a news conference here.

Bunyamin, 56, a former MP for Bachok, allegedly made the remarks in a political ceramah in Pengkalan Chepa, Kelantan on March 15.

Three police reports had been lodged against him over the matter in Pasir Mas, Kelantan; Baling, Kedah and here.

On Wednesday, Kelantan CID chief ACP Abdul Rahim Jani called on Bunyamin to come to the Kota Baharu police district headquarters to assist in the probe.

Dr Mahathir said he regretted that, based on the video clip of Bunyamin's statement screened by RTM recently, those who attended the ceramah appeared to have believed the alleged remarks.

"This is how PAS incites and brainwashes its followers. They listen only to their leaders, if the leaders say white, it's white. If they say black, it's black," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who is on a one-day visit to Terengganu, also attacked Bunyamin and PAS during a gathering in Marang.

"Why do people who claim themselves to be Muslims and members of an Islamic party hurl slander, which is strongly prohibited in Islam. The likes of Bunyamin are only found in PAS and not Umno," he said.

Dr Mahathir said PAS leaders had not only failed to stop hurling slander against federal government leaders but were actually encouraging it.

"Nik Aziz (Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat) and his friends hurl abuses rampantly, irrespective of whether they're true or not. That's why Bunyamin was bold enough to make the remarks," he said.

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