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DAP BANKRUPT OF IDEAS, SAYS MAHATHIR

SUBANG, June 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mohamad said today attempts by the DAP to discredit Malaysia as an Islamic state reveal that the opposition party is bankrupt of ideas.

The DAP, he said, was prepared to do anything to secure just one vote.

"Even for one vote, the DAP will cohabit with all kinds of people. Most important for them, even for one vote they will sleep with anybody," he said at the Royal Malaysian Air Force station, here, upon his return from a weeklong visit to Vatican City, Switzerland and Luxembourg.

Dr Mahathir said there was no reason for the DAP to harp on the matter as many countries in the world had recognised Malaysia as an Islamic state.

The prime minister was asked to comment on the DAP's campaign to reject the declaration of Malaysia as an Islamic state which had led to the arrest of DAP chairman Lim Kit Siang for allegedly distributing seditious leaflets at the Pasir Pinji market in Ipoh on June 5.

Lim, who was later released on bail, said the DAP's campaign was aimed at creating public awareness of the implications of Dr Mahathir's statement on Sept 29 that Malaysia is an Islamic state.

Dr Mahathir said the DAP should show the government how it had suffered as a result of Malaysia being declared an Islamic state.

"Even though we are an Islamic state, we have been liberal," he added.

The prime minister said there were many countries in Europe that had been declared as Christian countries but they were not as liberal as Malaysia.

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