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PM: Keep abreast of developments

JITRA, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said the people must seek the truth and keep abreast of developments through accurate information to avoid being manipulated and hoodwinked.

He said only a knowledgeable and well-informed society would be able to differentiate between "black and white".

"Those who are not aware of the current developments and happenings are bound to make mistakes which will be detrimental to them and the society as a whole," he told more than 15,000 people who attended the closing ceremony of the K3P exposition in Bandar Darul Aman.

Dr Mahathir said the people, especially those in rural areas, must strive to verify truth from slander, as there were groups bent on capitalising on their (the society's) ignorance.

Meanwhile, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain blamed the slanderous materials distributed by Pas as among reasons that contributed to Barisan Nasional's defeat in the recent Anak Bukit by-election.

He said many had believed the slanderous stories and false pictures printed on flyers without questioning the source of the materials.

"We should always verify what we read and make sure it comes from a trusted source," he said.

Syed Razak was speaking at the closing ceremony of the K3P (Kumpulan Pendengar, Penonton dan Pembaca) exposition.

K3P is a programme organised by the Information Department to disseminate information to the public.