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DR MAHATHIR SLAMS PAS FOR TEACHING PEOPLE TO BE UNGRATEFUL

ALOR SETAR, July 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today slammed PAS for teaching the people not to be thankful for the aid which they have received.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno President, said conscience, especially among the Malays, dictated that one should be grateful for the good done unto them by others.

"Successful people should do something for others but there are ungrateful people including those who had pursued higher education overseas," he said when handing over Bernas Fund 2002 educational and welfare aid at Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Baru here.

The Bernas Fund was launched by Dr Mahathir on Nov 2, 1999 to finance the education of padi farmers' children who had done well in their studies.

In the last two years, more than 300 students in Forms One to Five had benefited and 150 more this year. Each received between RM600 and RM700.

Dr Mahathir said PAS distorted facts on religious teachings and engaged in slander which was prohibited in Islam as slandering was more dangerous than murder.

"They say that I am the pharaoh, Mahazalim...but I wish to ask them did I kill my children for in the period of the pharaoh all male children that were born will have to be killed," he said.

He said PAS in fact wanted to win the election and had to struggle to get the votes.

Right from the outset, PAS had been frightening the Muslims by telling them Umno was cooperating with infidels.

He said PAS leaders were originally Umno members but when they felt they were being isolated, they left Umno and set up PAS.

"This is the PAS way. We accept the fact that not all people accept Umno but do not bring along tales about other Muslims being infidels," he said.

PAS had been willing to cooperate with the DAP and yet was hitting out at Umno for cooperating with the MCA and MIC whom it described as infidels.

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