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Hadi: It's a problem mosque

KUALA TERENGGANU, Wed. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad should not have performed Friday prayers at the Losong Haji Mat Shafie Mosque because the "mosque is known for its problems".

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang said today the matter involved the morality of a certain mosque official who was known to the residents there.

He said the problem had nothing to do with politics.

"We respect the presence of the Prime Minister and do not want him to be humiliated as the villagers know about the morality of the figure."

It was reported that there was a tussle to lead the congregation when Dr Mahathir performed his Friday prayers at the mosque on Aug 16.

Speaking after chairing the State Executive Council meeting, Hadi said the State Government had appointed State Assembly Speaker Datuk Hussain Awang as guest khatib (preacher) to deliver the sermon.