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MAHATHIR'S KEYNOTE ADDRESS TO BE DISCUSSED BY DELEGATES

KUALA LUMPUR, 7 Mei (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's keynote address at the Conference of Ministers of Endowment and Islamic Affairs here today will be discussed by the delegates on the final day of the conference tomorrow.

Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Hamid Zainal Abidin said several countries felt that the points raised by Dr Mahathir were substantive and should be taken as a guide.

"The Prime Minister's keynote address was spoken about very much, and the ministers from Jordan and Morocco agreed that it should serve as a guide and the main points be discussed as a general statement at the conclusion of the conference," he told a media conference.

He said many delegates, comprising mainly ulama, felt that the matters highlighted by Dr Mahathir were more substantive than their own views.

"They felt that the points put forth by him were more meaningful and that they lagged far behind," he said.

The Prime Minister's address will be discussed as a general statement, along with several other resolutions, tomorrow.

Abdul Hamid said some delegates felt that Dr Mahathir was an Islamic mufakkir (thinker) and not just the leader of an Islamic country.

In his address, Dr Mahathir said Muslims themselves were at fault for the sad state of affairs they are in now and should not point fingers at others or blame Islam itself for their fate.

He said Islam was never wrong but the followers themselves often were wrong in their interpretation and practice of Islam.

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