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MUSLIMS HAVE A DUTY TO CORRECT MISUNDERSTANDING OF ISLAM

ALOR STAR, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- Muslims in the country have a duty to correct any misunderstanding of Islam caused by certain parties, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

The prime minister said that if this was not done, there would be confusion and the Muslims would be weak and disunited.

"We have a right to correct the misunderstanding to prevent disunity among the Muslims," he said when launching a religious programme organised by the Malaysian Islamic Missionary Foundation (Yadim), here.

Present were Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain and Yadim president Yadim Datuk Mohamed Nakhaie Ahmad.

Dr Mahathir said it was important for Muslims to remind each other of such things so that they would practise Islamic teachings in their true form and not be oppressed by others.

"The Muslims are weak and oppressed because they don't observe the true Islamic teaching," Dr Mahathir said.

He expressed sadness that there were Malaysians who were highly educated in Islam but did not criticise or correct any deviation in the religion.

"Calling God a hoodlum is a serious religious deviation but they don't criticise and instead choose to criticise trivial matters," he said.

Dr Mahathir was also sad to note that some Malaysian were prepared to follow and support those who had clearly deviated from the true Islamic teachings.

The "Gerak Mesra dan Tazkirah" programme launched today is an effort by Yadim to go to the ground to explain the true Islamic ideology to the people.

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