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`Bunyamin's absence shows he has no proof'

KUALA TERENGGANU, Fri. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the disappearance of former Pas MP Bunyamin Yaakob showed that he could not prove his allegation that he (Dr Mahathir) watched pornographic videos with his grandchildren.

"He should come forward and help the police in their investigations. By running away, it shows that he is a liar and has no proof to back his allegation," said the Prime Minister.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, was speaking after attending a luncheon with Federal Government officers and community leaders.

He was commenting on Bunyamin who has been reported missing since the Kelantan police mounted a search for him to record his statement.

He had made an allegation at a gathering on March 15 that Dr Mahathir watched a pornographic video with his grandchildren.

Dr Mahathir said that it was only after RTM began airing the video clip showing Bunyamin's allegation that many people were aware of the lies spread by Pas leaders.

"We have to show the offences committed by Pas leaders and that is why we are airing the video clip. We will continue to do so.

"We want to show what is right and what is wrong. He (Bunyamin) has made slanderous remarks and that is why he is running away. This shows that he is guilty.

"We want to know what evidence he has to enable him make the allegation.

"And from the look on the faces of the people in the audience, it seemed that they believed him."

He said Pas had succeeded in influencing its supporters to blindly follow whatever that was said by its party leaders, and that was why it was important for the Government to explain to the people.