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PAS' LIKENING UMNO TO JEWS AND COMMUNISTS MALICIOUS, SAYS DR M

JITRA, March 8 (Bernama) -- PAS has made a very malicious accusation when it likened Umno to that of Jews and Communists, Prime Minister and Umno President Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the accusation was an act of a traitor just like those who labelled fellow Muslims as apostates without investigating.

"Pas has recently accused Umno to be the same as the Jews and Communists. The accusation is very malicious," he said when addressing Kubang Pasu Barisan Nasional (BN) leaders here today.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Kubang Pasu Member of Parliament, said Pas leaders would resort to such dirty tactics for their political interests.

"They are prepared to hurl all sorts of baseless allegations against fellow Muslims who do not support Pas," he said.

Pas president Datuk Fadzil Noor was reported to have made the accusation at a ceramah in Kempas, Johor on Monday.

Dr Mahathir said since before Pas had been slandering the government and Umno to muster support and arouse the people's anger against the ruling party and the government.

He said it was because of political interests, Pas levelled allegations at Umno, the party that had upheld Islamic tenets and developed the country.

Dr Mahathir said it was because of such slanders that the Malays were now divided and have become enemies among them which have rendered efforts to develop them not fully successful.

"Stop your slandering, especially among fellow Muslims, as it is more dangerous than committing murder," he said.

Dr Mahathir said when he visited Antarctica last month, some people had slandered that he spent RM3 million government money to visit the coldest place in the world.

He said he did not spend that much of money and that he went to Antarctica using his own money.

"I did not spend that much. I went there on my own money. Just like other government officers, I'm also eligible to take leave," he said.

Dr Mahathir said people, who hurled such allegations, do not feel shame although they do not have the evidence to substantiate their allegations.

"These people are not shame to make such claims even though they do not have the evidence to prove it," he said.

Dr Mahathir said he was grateful that despite being hurled with all sorts of allegations, majority of the Malays still rejected Pas.

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