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Pas has gone overboard, says PM

JITRA, Fri. - Pas has gone overboard by making a rude statement equating Umno with Jews and communists, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

He said the Opposition party made the slanderous statement to gain political mileage without caring about whether it could cause a split among Muslims.

"Accusing others (Muslims) of being like Jews is the work of traitors (to the Malay race and Islam).

"It is just like accusing fellow Muslims of being infidels. But this is the kind of things we have come to expect from such traitors who are bent on creating disunity among fellow Muslims," he said, adding those who made such accusations clearly did not follow the true teachings of Islam.

He said before Pas was formed, Muslims in the country did not go round accusing or making slanderous statements about each other.

Dr Mahathir said the Opposition party then started branding Umno supporters of being infidels and this was done just for political purposes.

The Prime Minister said more people, including Pas supporters, were becoming aware of such lies and leaving the Opposition party.

"In the end, the truth will be accepted ... Pas is a political party which has become void of any ideas.

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