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PAS HAS NEVER APOLOGISED FOR WRONG ACTIONS, SAYS PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 6 (Bernama) -- PAS leaders have never apologised to anyone even after they were proven to be wrong in their actions, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"PAS has never apologised no matter what...it does not apologise for hurling baseless allegations, it does not apologise for using foul language, it does not apologise for lying...they have never apologised.

"PAS has never admitted its mistakes...they are one type of people who have never admitted they have done wrong although the whole world knows they are wrong...So there is no point asking them to apologise," he told reporters after attending the Hari Raya open house of former Dewan Negara Speaker Tan Sri Abang Ahmad Urai here.

Dr Mahathir said this when asked to comment on calls by several Umno leaders for Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat to apologise for his remark that the trial of the Al-Ma'unah members and the sentences imposed on them were just a drama staged by the government.

Last week, 19 members of the movement were found guilty of attempting to wage war against the Yang di-Pertuan Agong. The group's leader Mohd Amin Mohd Razali and his two henchmen were sentenced to death by the Kuala Lumpur High Court while 16 others were given a life sentence.

"We want to invite Nik Aziz to come and witness it when the death by hanging sentence is carried out on Amin...(let Nik Aziz) tell Amin that it is only a drama...ask him to say so to Amin when Amin is to undergo the execution," Dr Mahathir said.

On another matter, Dr Mahathir said Umno had no plans to spread its wings to Sarawak now although some Sarawakians residing in peninsular Malaysia had joined Umno.

"Umno has no objection to Sarawak-born people joining Umno if they are residing in peninsular Malaysia...if you are living here and have nothing to do with that side (Sarawak), it is all right not to be a voter there," he said.

He said Sarawakians in the peninsula joined Umno because there were no branches of the Pesaka Bumiputera Bersatu Sarawak (PBB) party in peninsular Malaysia.

Also present at the open house were Deputy Inspector-General of Police Tan Sri Jamil Johari, former Agriculture Minister Tan Sri Dr Sulaiman Daud and Sarawakians residing here.

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