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PAS OUT TO CONFUSE THE PEOPLE AGAIN, SAYS DR ABDUL HAMID

MELAKA, June 4 (Bernama) -- PAS is out to confuse the people again especially Muslims in the country by claiming that those who vote for PAS will be rewarded by the Almighty, said Religious Adviser to the Prime Minister Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman today.

He said that like Umno, PAS is only a political party and what it is doing is merely a strategy to win the people's support especially when the general election is near.

"It is the struggle of Umno that is consistent with the struggle of Islam," he said, commenting on the subject which was raised by PAS spiritual adviser Datuk Nik Aziz Nik Mat at the recent PAS general assembly in Kota Bharu, Kelantan.

Speaking to reporters after attending a dialogue organised by the Special Affairs Department here, Dr Abdul Hamid said that as an Islamic country, Malaysia has achieved significant success in the development of Islam in the country.

"The Barisan Nasional (BN) government led by Umno has shown the strength of Islam in terms of knowledge development, economy and our ability to govern the country," he said.

He said that a proof of the world's recognition of the Islamic leadership in Malaysia when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was recently invited by President George W Bush to discuss international terrorism and the Palestine issue.

In fact, his coming meeting with Pope John Paul II in Vatican City is another recognition of Islam in Malaysia, he said.

"The meeting between Dr Mahathir and Pope John gives the strength especially to Muslims to continue their efforts to develop the country," he said.

Melaka Umno Chief Datuk Seri Mohd Ali meanwhile said Melaka Umno would organise 300 dialogue sessions a month to bring leaders closer to the people and explain to them issues on Islam.

"This will also help us to know the problems faced by the people," he said.

Mohd Ali who is also Melaka Chief Minister, said 500 such activities had been carried out in the state.

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