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DR ABDUL HAMID REGARDS DR M MOST PIOUS MAN IN M'SIA

KUALA LUMPUR, June 22 (Bernama) -- Religious Adviser to the Prime Minister, Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman, today praised Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, saying he regarded the Prime Minister as the most pious man in Malaysia for providing the best services to the people.

According to the Al Quran, a pious man is a person who protects the interests on earth and the word "soleh" in Arabic means "a man who is useful to others."

"Today, if we are to look for the most pious man in Malaysia is the Honourable Prime Minister who finds ways here and there to provide the best services to the people," he said when winding up the debate on the motion of religion/social at the 56th Umno General Assembly which ends today.

Dr Abdul Hamid said Dr Mahathir had made immense contributions in various fields for the people's well-being, including developing Information Technology (IT), a very important component in the current globalisation era.

He said the interpretation of pious cannot be narrowed to only those who always prayed in mosques.

"To those who serve the people and without them, the people will be in difficulty, are the most pious people.

"To us (referring to the delegates), the people who are in-charge of power supply, are the pious people because for the three days we are here, without them, this assembly cannot be held, talk also cannot, the audience cannot hear," he said.

Dr Abdul Hamid said the government and Umno would explain to the people who are the pious people so they would not be misled by groups out to weaken Muslims.

These groups gave priority to entering heaven and abandoning worldly pursuits, he said.

Dr Abdul Hamid, who is also a supreme council member, said Umno would step up efforts to honour Islam and Malaysia as an Islamic nation.

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