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POLICE REPORTS LODGED AGAINST BUNYAMIN FOR SLANDERING DR MAHATHIR

KUALA TERENGGANU, July 30 (Bernama) -- Two police reports have been lodged against PAS leader Bunyamin Yaacob for his slanderous attack against Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in a video clip shown over Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) several days ago.

One report was made at the Kuala Terengganu Police District Headquarters here at 10.20am today by the Terengganu Umno Youth Action Committee and the other by a civil servant in Kelantan at Pasir Mas District Police Headquarters at noon.

In the video clip, Bunyamin, PAS former Member of Parliament for Bachok, in a ceramah attended by thousands of people in Kelantan had alleged that Dr Mahathir had watched a pornographic video with his grandchildren.

Head of the committee, Tengku Zainuddin Tengku Zaid who was accompanied by some 20 Umno Youth members in lodging the police report, told reporters that it was a false allegation, aimed at denigrating the Prime Minister in the eyes of the people.

"The exposure by RTM has created a profound effect on the people, surprised by behaviour of PAS leaders such as Ustaz Bunyamin in making such an allegation," he said.

He said Bunyamin retract his allegation and make an open apology to Dr Mahathir, his family and the people.

In PASIR MAS, Kamarul Bahrin Awang, 36, of Kampung Teliar Bunut Susu, who lodged the police report said it was a very serious allegation especially against someone of stature like the Prime Minister.

"It shames the country and the dignity of an Islamic leader as the person accused is the Prime Minister and also an Islamic leader," he said when met by reporters.

He said the irony was that it was made before thousands of people and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat but none did anything to advise Bunyamin that was against the teachings of Islam to make wild allegation.

Kamarul Bahrin urged the police to investigate the allegation and to take appropriate action if there was no truth to the allegation to clear the good name of the Prime Minister, the country and the Muslim community.

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