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Mahathir - Anti hopping

DO NOT PARTY- HOP WITHIN BN, SAYS PM

KOTA KINABALU, Sept 8 (Bernama) -- There should not be any party-hopping within the Barisan Nasional (BN) members or leaders despite the lack of laws to prevent them from doing so, Prime Minister Datuk Dr Seri Mahathir Mohamad said here today.

"I don't know whether the Government can have a law for that. We know that within the BN party there should not be any hopping," he said after opening the 18th Annual Congress of Parti Bersatu Sabah (PBS) in Penampang, near here.

However, Dr Mahathir, who is also the BN chairman, said it was quite hard to prevent party-hopping within the coalition but "we will appeal to Barisan members not to hop."

Referring to the recent remarks by Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat on university graduates, he said: "I don't think it is because of the university. It is because PAS does not teach proper Islam, they teach the opposite of Islam. So people get confused."

Citing an example, Dr Mahathir said Pas had recently said that one could not commit sodomy under its Hudud law but it was okay if one sodomised his wife.

Nik Aziz had blamed universities in the country yesterday for producing graduates who committed bribery, adultery, sodomy and drug abuse.

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