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HADI SHOULD CORRECT VIEWS OF PAS LEADERS ON DR M - ZAM

KUALA LUMPUR, April 23 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang should correct the views of other leaders in the party as their opinions differed from that of the Acting PAS President, Deputy Information Minister Datuk Zainuddin Maidin said today.

He said while Hadi praised Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for rejecting financial aid from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), some PAS leaders had different views about the Prime Minister.

These leaders hurled unethical accusations against Dr Mahathir and have no political decorum, he told reporters at Parliament lobby.

Zainuddin said two high-ranking PAS leaders branded Dr Mahathir as a "US stooge" in Tanjung Malim, Perak early this year.

Their statements have been recorded, he said.

Zainuddin said PAS' official organ "Harakah" also published a report recently saying the Malaysian government was in cohort with the US to topple the Iraqi government led by President Saddam Hussein.

He said Hadi's statement in an interview with a local daily praising Dr Mahathir itself showed that he (Hadi) rejected attempts to confuse the people over the actual policies of the country.

Hadi's statement was a fresh awareness in PAS since Iraq was conquered by the US, which is a new form of colonialism, he said.

Zainuddin said PAS should also study how Malaysia could develop to the extent of rejecting IMF aid from the history point of view and also from the implementation of policies which have succeeded in strengthening the economy and boosting the country's status at the international arena.

Malaysia could progress to such an extent because of its liberal policies and democracy practised in the country, especially its co-existence and constructive engagement policies with western countries often criticised by PAS, he added.

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