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HARAKAH CONDEMNED FOR HUMILIATING DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, June 16 (Bernama) -- The Government Backbenchers Club (BBC) today urged the Home Ministry to review the publishing permit of Harakah, owned by PAS for humiliating the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Harakah had been most irresponsible and downright rude for publishing a caricature of the Prime Minister with a pig's snout, the club's Chairman Datuk Mohd Zin Mohamed said.

The pig is considered an unclean animal in Islam and Muslims are forbidden from eating its meat.

"Stern action must be taken against Harakah," he said when met at the Parliament lobby.

The BN member for Sri Gading Datuk Mohamad Aziz said Harakah had not only insulted the Prime Minister but all Malaysians.

"I hope PAS people will be more ethical and more Islamic and not do things which will earn them the people's condemnation," he said.

Mohamad said what the paper had done was a serious offence and unacceptable to the people particularly when such an insult was levelled at someone who had made immense contributions to this country and its people.

"Is it this party PAS based on Islam? This is not Islamic but devilish," he said.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Noh Omar said the Harakah action represented cheap PAS political agenda.

"This is cheap politics. A culture that will bring down our image as Muslims," he added.

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