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KELANTANESE DID NOT VOTE BN DUE TO MISLEADING INFO ON DR MAHATHIR'S POLICY

KOTA BAHARU, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- A seminar on Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's thinking was told that one of the reasons why people in Kelantan did not vote for the Barisan Nasional (BN) was because they did not understand the basis of the Prime Minister's struggle.

Kelantan Umno Liaison Committee Secretary Mat Nawawi Mat Jusoh said the opposition parties, especially PAS, purposely confused the Kelantan people by creating false allegations in order to instil hatred among them towards Dr Mahathir's policies.

"This included the policy of standardising the time between Peninsular Malaysia, Sabah and Sarawak as soon as Dr Mahathir became Prime Minister," he said when opening a seminar on "Dr Mahathir, Islamic Thinker" at the Universiti Sains Malaysia Medical Campus in Kubang Kerian near here.

Mat Nawawi was representing National Economic Action Council (NEAC) Executive Director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed. About 500 participants from all over Kelantan attended the one-day seminar organised by the Kelantan Special Affairs Department.

He said the people of Kelantan were angry because they had to wake up half-an-hour earlier to go to work.

The same was with the national car project, said Mat Nawawi, where the people of Kelantan saw the project as wishful thinking because the Malays could not possibly have the skills to do it.

Mat Nawawi added, the construction of the Port of Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) in Johor was also once regarded by the opposition as a big waste because the country already had several ports, such as the ones in Klang and Kuantan.

Today, they finally understood why Dr Mahathir decided to construct PTP as it allowed the Government to cut costs by not having to export Malaysian goods via Singapore, he said.

"If Kelantan folks can understand this and not be confused by the Prime Minister's mission to uphold the integrity of Muslims, BN Kelantan would not have suffered a huge defeat during the elections," said Mat Nawawi.

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