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MUSTAPA CALLS ON MUSLIMS TO BOLSTER URITY - MUSTAPA

JELI, Feb 14 (Bernama) -- National Economic Action Council (NEAC) Executive Director Datuk Mustapa Mohamed has called on the Muslim community to further bolster unity in the face of current global challenges.

"In Malaysia the Muslims must give full support to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to defend the community's status and Islamic state," he told reporters at the Hari Raya Aidiladha open house at his home near here, today.

Mustapa, who is also the Kelantan Umno Liasion Committee Chairman, said now was not the time for Muslims to fight among themselves.

"Instead, this is the time for us to unite our efforts and present a united force to fight our enemies from inside and outside the country," he said.

Mustapa also said Pas leaders had alleged that Umno was acting against Islam and claimed that Islamic education would come to an end, following the government's decision to stop funding Sekolah Agama Rakyat.

He categorised the charges as lies because Umno was in fact attempting to further strengthen religious schools and classes under the federal government.

"We are confident that with these changes the Malaysian people will get a good quality Islamic education," he said.

Mustapa said Pas will use the Islamic education to spread a web of lies besides gaining political mileage by exaggerating the issue.

"Pas leaders now are under pressure and don't have ideas, they will be more aggressive about the issue as the general election draws closer," he said.

However, Mustapa expressed confidence that the people's rational thinking would eventually be able to dispel these baseless allegations.

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