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PAS HUDUD LAW BASED ON PARTY'S INTERPRETATIONS, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

LANGKAWI, Sept 1 (Bernama -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the PAS Hudud law was formulated based on the party's own interpretations to win the support of the people.

The Prime Minister said the interpretation proved to be wrong when many people objected to Section 16 of the Kelantan Syariah Criminal Code, which views sodomy committed by a husband against his wife as not an offence.

"We don't agree with PAS Hudud law because it is based on the party's interpretations and it is not just," he told reporters at the Langkawi International Airport, Padang Mat Sirat, after a two-day visit here.

He said it was clearly stated in the Quran that if punishment was to be imposed on a person it must do justice to him, but not in the case of the PAS Hudud law.

"A rape victim is punished while the rapist gets off scot-free. Where is the justice? Islam is just. If the punishment is just, then it is Islam. If it is not and victimises other Muslims, then it is not Islam," he said.

Dr Mahathir said PAS had also used the Hudud law to win votes from both Muslim and non-Muslim voters.

To the Muslim voters, the party promised to implement the Hudud law if elected to power while to non-Muslim voters it said it would implemented the law, he said.

"Clearly, it is motivated by politics to win the votes of both Muslim and non-Muslim voters. This is the biggest fraud," he said.

To a question, Dr Mahathir said many PAS supporters idolised their leaders, accepting totally what their leaders did even when it was contrary to Islam.

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