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PAS TRYING TO CHEAT ITS FRIEND, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

JOHOR BAHRU, Aug 21 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said PAS is using Islam only for political gain and there is nothing Islamic in its struggle.

"Using the name of Islam for political gain...that's all. There is nothing Islamic in PAS' struggle, none whatever," he said at a news conference here today.

He was asked to comment on move by PAS to have two different manifestos in the next general election for the state and federal levels.

"That is trying to cheat. Forked tongue, as people say, one side branches into the state, the other into the federal...say one thing here, another thing there," he said.

He said that by having different manifestos PAS was trying to cheat its friend in the opposition, the DAP.

"It even tries to cheat its friend...it cheats everyone, is this what an Islamic party is all about?" he said.

Dr Mahathir said he talked with the Prime Minister of Turkey once regarding the use of the name Islam in a political party.

He said the Turkish Prime Minister did not agree because if a wrong was committed the blame would be on Islam.

"That is why he does not use the name Islam in his party. If he commits wrong, it will be his doing, not Islam," he said.

Earlier, the Prime Minister opened the 13-storey Johor Customs Tower, which houses the state headquarters, here.

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