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PAS WILL DISTORT MY SPEECH, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

LANGKAWI, June 22 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today PAS is bound to distort his winding-up speech at the Umno general assembly yesterday for political gain.

The Prime Minister said PAS would certainly use his winding-up speech, which touched on several mistakes made by the opposition party, to discredit him.

"PAS is certainly good at distortion, I'm certain PAS will distort (my speech concerning PAS)...I said PAS leaders had humiliated the Prophet while they will say that I was actually humiliating the Prophet," he told reporters at the Langkawi International Airport at Padang Mat Sirat, here at the end of a personal visit to look at several development projects on the resort island.

He arrived here last night after the conclusion of the Umno general assembly in Kuala Lumpur.

In his speech yesterday, Dr Mahathir, who is also Umno president, had criticised PAS and urged Umno members not to feel inferior as Umno was championing the real Islam.

In his speech, Dr Mahathir had called on Umno members to focus on solutions to problems caused by PAS due to the misinterpretation on Islamic teachings.

The Prime Minister said that although he had repeatedly pointed out the mistakes of the opposition party, PAS members would still support the party as their stand could no longer be changed.

He said PAS supporters had been brainwashed to accept only those things raised by their leaders and reject any statement by Umno leaders.

"PAS members have been brainwashed, (they) cannot be changed. That's why when their leader Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat (Kelantan Menteri Besar and PAS Ulama Council head) said God indulges in profanity, God is a thug, his followers said the statements were correct.

"So, we cannot do anything (to correct the thinking of PAS members)," he said.

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