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STATEMENTS BY PAS LEADERS MERELY TO GRAB ATTENTION, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

PUTRAJAYA, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- The action by PAS leaders in issuing statements one after another lately is merely a bid to gain the attention of the people and their followers, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"They are trying to impress their followers on who is the better man," he told reporters after witnessing the signing of an agreement between the Malaysian government and First Hill Electronic Company Sdn Bhd at the Prime Minister's Office here.

Dr Mahathir jokingly advised such leaders to stop competing among themselves.

"There should be no competition la," he said.

PAS president Datuk Abdul Hadi Awang recently created a stir when he reportedly used "silent devils" to describe the police due to the perception that they were not curbing sinful activities.

The Terengganu Menteri Besar later clarified that the term was meant for the ulamas of Umno.

Another PAS stalwart and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat angered many with his allegation that local universities were churning out criminals.

The deal signed today is for the acquisition by the government from its Japanese partner, of proprietary, production and marketing rights of the "MM Chip", the smallest and most advanced microchip in the world that can be used for numerous applications including health and security.

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