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Umno-Winding (Hamid)

UMNO MUST GO ALL OUT TO COUNTER PAS TACTICS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 21 (Bernama) -- The biggest task facing Umno leaders and members is to counter PAS's accusations that Umno and the government does not adhere to Islamic teachings, said Tan Sri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman.

The religious adviser to the Prime Minister said the national policy was to implement Islamic teachings for the development of a civilisation, which highlighted nation building and prosperity of the people.

He said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had proclaimed Malaysia an Islamic country because of the implementation of basic matters demanded by Islam such as eradicating poverty and the progress of the ummah in all fields.

Dr Abdul Hamid said this in his winding up speech on religious issues on the third and final day of the 54th Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here today.

He said PAS had taken advantage of the limited knowledge of a particular segment of society to divide Muslims.

Meanwhile, Dr Abdul Hamid said the speeches, thoughts and ideas of Dr Mahathir, also Umno president, had been immortalised in a 10-volume encyclopedia by 35 international scholars.

The encyclopaedia will be launched internationally by the Oxford University in England and the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) locally.

He did not announce the date of the launch.

He said that among others, the encyclopedia carried the opinions and views of great world thinkers like Jean Jacques Rousseau, Montessori, Ibnu Khaldun, Charles Dickens and Shakespeare.

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