

Errant UUM students are traitors, says Mahathir

5 1-6 JUL 2004

SINTOK: Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has branded Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) students who try to turn the university into a political arena as traitors.

He said UUM was one of the country's highest institution entrusted to teach and produce managers, with the key role of supplying the nation with managers of calibre.

"Efforts by some students to turn this university into a political arena and divert it from the aim of its establishment is a betrayal of religion, race and country," Dr Mahathir said at a

special UUM convocation to confer honorary doctorates on him and Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

He cited a lack in management and administrative skills among Muslims as one of the reasons they were easily oppressed and killed.

"Those who seemingly want to defend Muslims only succeed in tarnishing the image of Islam and Muslims. Their counter-attacks are not aimed at defeating the enemy and stopping the oppression of Muslims but are only for revenge," he added.

Because of their anger against the enemy, he said they killed anyone, be they Muslims or non-Muslims who sympathised with Muslims, children and those involved in the oppression of Muslims.

Dr Mahathir, who mooted the setting up of UUM, received an honorary doctorate in development management while Dr Siti Hasmah received an honorary doctorate in social work management.

They received their doctorates from the Sultan of Kedah, who is UUM chancellor.