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MALAYSIANS REJECT EXTREMIST FORM OF ISLAM, SAYS TUN MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, March 10 (Bernama) -- Umno has always defeated PAS in previous general elections because Malaysians reject an extremist form of Islam, former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

"We consider Islam as a basic Islam, fundamental Islam...and not an impediment to the development of the country to healthy living, to good relations, peace and harmony even among Muslims and non-Muslims," he told reporters after launching the Islamic Arts Museum Conservation Centre here.

He said that the Barisan Nasional (BN) would do better in the coming general election since PAS had no more issues to grab the attention of the voters.

Dr Mahathir said that it was up to the Umno leadership to determine the strategies to be achieved in the coming general election.

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