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Dr M to expose Pas' cheating ways

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SUBANG, Sat. - Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he will go around during the next general election to expose Pas' ways of cheating the people to win votes.

The former Umno president and Prime Minister said he felt it was his responsibility to expose to the people the true colours of the Opposition party, including its admission that it was its sandiwara (play) that had forced Dr Mahathir to resign.

Pas spiritual leader Datuk Abdul Nik Aziz Nik Mat recently admitted that it purposely continued to harp on Dr Mahathir's intention to resign as a way of forcing the leader to step down.

Dr Mahathir said he had to explain to the people Pas' twisted words.

"It says it wants to set up an Islamic State, but the real intention is to cheat the people. It says it wants to work with the DAP but it actually wants to cheat DAP," he said upon his arrival from Japan at the Royal Malaysian Air Force base here.

Dr Mahathir said the Islamic State Document unveiled by Pas on Wednesday was a trick.

"The party works with syaitan (the devil). Nik Aziz has said he is prepared to co-operate with the devil ... he said God swears, God is a hooligan, his intention is to absolve his people who are hooligans."

Dr Mahathir said Nik Aziz, who is also Kelantan Menteri Besar, might want to seek forgiveness from God for what he had done.

"God will not forgive him because he lies to gain votes and for political mileage."

On Pas information chief Datuk Harun Din's statement yesterday that he would contest in Kubang Pasu if Dr Mahathir were to defend his seat, the former Prime Minister said: "So, if I don't contest (he will claim) I am afraid of him and yet he pressures me so that I don't contest. This is Pas' way. It says one thing and does something else."

He said Pas also claimed it wanted to build an Islamic nation, but this was just a ploy to hoodwink the people into supporting the party, adding Malaysia was already an Islamic State.

"There was no need for Pas to lie about the setting up of an Islamic State. The whole world acknowledges us as being an Islamic nation... a model.

"Other countries want to emulate Malaysia, they do not say they want to follow Kelantan or Nik Aziz," he said.

Asked about the opposition by the DAP and Parti Keadilan Nasional to the Islamic State Document, Dr Mahathir described them as "comedians".

The two parties, he said, were scared to express their support for Pas' blueprint for fear of losing Chinese votes, hence they engaged in a stage play.

"However, all the three parties eventually will join to cheat the people."

Asked about Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi's performance as the Prime Minister, he said from the response of the people, the leadership had been well received.