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PM: Pas is afraid to come up with memo on Islamic state

TANAH MERAH, Mon. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Pas was not issuing a memorandum on the Islamic state that it had been giving voice to because the party actually had no plans to set it up.

Opening the State-level Farmers, Livestock Breeders and Fishermen Day celebration at the Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tanah Merah (1), Dr Mahathir said the party had earlier announced that they would reveal their version of an Islamic state but now claim there was no need to explain it to the people.

"Some believe that an Islamic nation would be in chaos, poor and always oppressed. This is the Islamic state ala Pas. That is why (Pas president Datuk Seri) Abdul Hadi Awang is afraid to come with a memorandum on the Islamic state it intends to set up," he said to a crowd of about 20,000 who filled the field.

Hadi said yesterday that there was no need for the party to issue a memorandum on the Islamic state it intends to set up because Pas felt the interpretation of an Islamic state as voiced by Dr Mahathir was different from the party's version.