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Dr M: Don't be hasty in acting against claim

JERLUN: Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said the Government should not be hasty in taking action on the alleged attempt to convert Muslims into other faiths.

"It has to be studied first... at times the allegation is true, sometimes (it is) not true.

"If we are hasty in our investigation, then when (the action is) wrong, people will no longer believe us.

"Wait until correct information is obtained, he told reporters after breaking fast at Masjid Al-Ehsan, Batu 3, Kodiang, near here on Thursday night.

Also present were his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and son Datuk Mukhriz, who is also Deputy International Trade and

Industry Minister and MP for Jerlun.

Dr Mahathir said Muslims in the country should be concerned about the plight of those in need of assistance to avoid the possibility of a deviation in their faith.

"If no one looks after them and they are in difficulty, they may become attracted to those who offer them aid," he said.

Dr Mahathir also expressed concern over the state of unity among Muslims, saying they were now divided into three factions.

He said if the situation was allowed to persist, foreign elements could take advantage of the disunity to interfere.

He said the three factions were fighting among themselves albeit without weapons like in some Muslim countries. - Bernama