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## Dr M: Pas seeks DAP's trust

KUALA LUMPUR: Pas' support of the communists and the move to portray them in a positive manner is meant to endear the party to DAP, said former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The move would gain the trust of DAP and enable Pas to enhance its electoral gains in the next general election, he said.

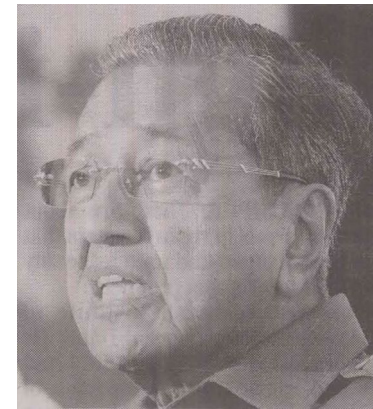
In his latest blog posting on chedet.cc, he said Pas, in taking this approach, had even dropped its objective of an Islamic nation and implementation of the *hudud*.

"By cleaning up the image of the communists, Pas hopes to gain the trust of DAP and help Pas win when facing Umno in the 13th general election."

Dr Mahathir believed this move by Pas was unhealthy for the loose opposition coalition of Pakatan Rakyat as the people's support, especially from the security forces and their families, would be eroded.

"I believe their (opposition) more experienced leaders such as (DAP chairman) Karpal Singh will try to ease the cleaning of the image of the communists so that it won't damage the rakyat's perception, particularly those who sacrificed themselves to save this nation."

Dr Mahathir said Pas leaders' stand on this would not affect the support for the party from their die-hard followers. "Pas nowadays is willing to turn its back against Islam because it is power-crazy."



Dr Mahathir Mohamad says Pas wants to enhance its chances in the next general election