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# 'Dr M should say sorry to Muslims'

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## CRUDE REMARK:

His use of Prophet's name is uncalled for, says Kedah Umno Youth chief

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**K**EDAH Umno Youth has urged former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad to apologise to Muslims for reportedly making a derisive reference to the character of Prophet Muhammad.

Its chief, Datuk Shaiful Hazizy Zainol Abidin, said the use of the Prophet's name in the current po-

litical situation was uncalled for.

"His remark is not only crude, but also heartbreaking for Muslims," he said yesterday.

Dr Mahathir was quoted as saying the Prophet did not have RM2.6 billion in his account, in an apparent sneer at Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and the 1Malaysia Development Bhd issue.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Parti Pribumi Bersatu Malaysia chairman, made the remark at the DAP convention in Shah Alam on Sunday.

Shaiful Hazizy said it was unacceptable to mix the character of Prophet Muhammad with the current political situation.

"After all means to topple the government have failed, Dr Mahathir used the Prophet's name to justify his mission."

He said it would be advisable for Dr Mahathir to apologise for his transgression and to recite again the

proclamation of *syahadah* (article of faith) for fear that he might have stepped out of Islam.

In **Malacca**, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron described Dr Mahathir's attendance at the DAP convention as a "political catastrophe".

"I never imagined it could come to this. While Najib was with Pas president Datuk Seri Abdul Hadi Awang (in solidarity with the Rohingya), Dr Mahathir shared the stage with DAP leaders."

Idris said Dr Mahathir's action signified his desperation to oppose the government.

"Not too long ago, Dr Mahathir hated DAP deeply, but now, he doesn't. He must be out of his mind."

Idris said he blamed himself for being a close ally of Dr Mahathir in his early political career.

"As a person who once followed him closely and 'worshipped' him, I cannot forgive myself for that."