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Dr M urged to apologise to pilgrims aided by 1MDB

KUALA LUMPUR: Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad should apologise for his remarks that Muslims who performed the haj under Malaysia Development Bhd's (1MDB) sponsorship would have their pilgrimage rejected by Allah.

Umno Supreme Council member Datuk Seri Dr Irmohizam Ibrahim described the former prime minister's statement on pilgrims who performed the haj under the Prime Minister-1MDB Foundation Special Programme as "unbelievable" and driven by politics.

"He should not have said that, since only Allah can determine the validity of each act of worship. Although he was prime minister, he should not have turned arrogant by judging how acceptable someone's pilgrimage is.

"(Dr Mahathir's words) will surely

hurt the feelings of pilgrims who were sponsored under the programme, which helps those who cannot afford the haj to go to Mecca," he said yesterday.

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Irmohizam, who is also Kuala Selangor member of parliament, urged Dr Mahathir to apologise to pilgrims who received help from the programme.

"That is the right thing to do since many pilgrims from Kuala Selangor could have been hurt by his accusation, which implies that everything good done by Prime Minister

Datuk Seri Najib Razak is not accepted by Allah.

"We also do not want Dr Mahathir's contribution to the country to be forgotten due to his arrogant and extreme ways in doubting every positive move carried out by BN."