

Dr Mahathir Says Lecturer Disrespectful In Disputing Sultan's Stand
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SERI ISKANDAR, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Prof Dr Abdul Aziz Bari was being disrespectful when he declined to apologise and withdraw his statement disputing the Sultan of Selangor's stand on the check conducted by the State Islamic Religious Department (Jais) on a premises belonging to the Damansara Utama Methodist Church on Aug 3.

The statement by the law lecturer of the International Islamic University of Malaysia (IIUM) was contrary to Eastern moral values, he said when commenting on the remarks by Dr Abdul Aziz carried by a news portal that the sultan's action of intervening in the Jais-church issue was unusual and inconsistent.

Dr Mahathir, who is chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP), spoke to reporters after the 11th convocation of UTP, here.

He said he would not know whether the statement went contrary to the law but, in terms of moral values, it was disrespectful.

Earlier, Dr Mahathir presented the Chancellor's Gold Award to Lai Chin Leong, 23, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering with honours by garnering a cumulative grade point average of 3.89.

Muhammad Aiman Jamaludin, 22, and T. Kuhanesapathy, 23, won the silver and bronze awards, respectively.

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