

Bernama Reported PAS' Murder Attempt On Dr Mahathir In 1984 – Chairman

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 27 (Bernama) -- The Malaysian National News Agency, Bernama, had in 1984, reported on an extremist group within PAS, which was set up to murder former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, said Bernama chairman Datuk Abdul Rahman Sulaiman.

Abdul Rahman, who was then Bernama Domestic News Service editor when the report was broadcasted, said the information for a special report dated Sept 11, 1984 was an excerpt by a Bernama journalist from the news agency's intelligence source.

"Bernama managed to uncover the threat on Dr Mahathir before the planned assassination in 1988," he told Bernama here today.

On Monday, a former life member of PAS, Zainon Ismail, using his pen name CN Afghani to write a book, 'Kafirkah Aku?' (Am I an Infidel?), was reported to be interested in meeting Dr Mahathir to ask for forgiveness for planning to murder the former prime minister in 1988.

Bernama, in other reports dated Sept 14, 1984, also aired Dr Mahathir's reaction on the threat where he got wind of PAS setting up a group to murder an Umno leader, but stressed it had no proof on the matter.

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