

**ISMA President's Statement Seditious, Not Constructive - Mahathir  
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KUALA LUMPUR, May 9 (Bernama) -- The statement by Ikatan Muslimin Malaysia (ISMA) president Abdullah Zaik Abd Rahman on the Chinese in the country has been termed seditious and not constructive by former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"He (ISMA president) is not helping (to preserve) peace in this country. It (statement) is not going to do any good to anyone or the country."

Dr Mahathir said this after launching a coffee table book titled 'Reminiscences of Insurrection: Malaysia's Battle Against Terrorism 1960-1990', here, today.

He was earlier asked by reporters to comment on Abdullah Zaik's statement on the organisation's website [www.ismaweb.net](http://www.ismaweb.net) which described the Chinese who were brought to the Malay States by the British colonialists as "trespassers" and who forgot themselves.

"The Malaysian Chinese are citizens and they have rights in this country. We don't want people to start a racial riot. Therefore, ISMA's statement is not constructive," Dr Mahathir said.

Asked on ISMA's statement that hudud should also apply to non-Muslims, he said they (ISMA) should read and follow the Quranic verses properly as the Holy Book stated that "God does not like people who create turmoil".

On the militant activities in the country, Dr Mahathir said: "I think these people (militants) are misled. They think they are doing something in accordance with the teachings of Islam. I think this is all wrong.

"Muslims are supposed to embrace brotherhood. They need to respond to the feelings of other Muslims," he said.

Since April 28, police have detained 12 people believed to be involved in militant activities in Kedah, Selangor and the federal capital through a militant network in Syria and southern Philippines.

Police believe the militants received training in Syria with the rebel group that opposed the Bashar al-Assad government.

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