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KUALA LIPIS, APRIL 6 (BERNAMA)-- FORMER UMNO EXCO MEMBER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED WHO HAS NOW RETURNED TO THE UMNO FOLD, SAID THE PMIP WAS PARTY INTERESTED ONLY IN WINNING ELECTIONS.

+THEIR OBJECTIVE IS ONLY TO WIN AND WHAT THEY CAN DO AFTER WINNING THEY NEVER GIVE A THOUGHT+.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE PMIP'S SLOGAN TO CHAMPION THE CAUSE OF THE PEOPLE, ISLAM AND THE COUNTRY WAS ONLY +A MEANS TO FISH FOR VOTES.+

HE WAS ADDRESSING A RALLY TO SUPPORT THE ALLIANCE CANDIDATE FOR THE LIPIS PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION, TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIE, AT BUKIT BETONG, 16 MILES FROM HERE, LAST NIGHT.

HE SAID DURING HIS TWO-AND-A-HALF YEARS ABSENCE FROM UMNO, HE HAD MIXED WITH PMIP LEADERS AND EVEN ADDRESSED ONE OF THEIR BY-ELECTION RALLIES.--BERNAMA MORE 1102/NB

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HE HAD FOUND THAT THE PMIP'S SLOGAN WAS ONLY FOR SECURING VOTES, HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE RALLY WAS THE TENGKU ARIFF BENDAHARA OF PAHANG, AMONG OTHER UMNO LEADERS WHO ADDRESSED THE RALLY WERE SENATOR AISHAH GHANI AND THE FORMER MP FOR LIPIS, DATO ABDUL RAZAK HUSSEIN.

THE PMIP PRESIDENT, DATO HAJI MOHAMED ASRI BIN HAJI MUDA, ADDRESSING A PMIP RALLY AT THE TOWN PADANG HERE LAST NIGHT, SAID HIS PARTY'S CONTEST IN THE LIPIS BY-ELECTION WAS TO MAKE ITS CONCEPT OF STRUGGLE KNOWN IN THE AREA.

+WHETHER WE WIN OR LOSE IS NOT IS VERY IMPORTANT,+ HE SAID.--BERNAMA 1115NB