

MAHATHIR

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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 20 (BERNAMA) -- MANY UMNO AND PASD MEMBERS AT THE LOWER LEVELS STILL DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ALLIANCE COALITION MOVE, AND UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBER AND SENATOR DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID BECAUSE OF LACK OF UNDERSTANDING THEY WERE TAKING ON EACH OTHER LIKE PRIVAL FOOTBALL. +THEY ARE NOT AWARE WHETHER THEIR ACTION WOULD BRING ANY BENEFITS TO THE MALAYS. + HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE DELEGATE MEETING OF THE UMNO BATU DIVISION HERE. +WHAT EACH GROUPS WANTS IS VICTORY IN THE STRUGGLE WITH OUT CONSIDERING THE EFFECT OF THEIR ACTIONS AND WHETHER THE ACTION WOULD CHANGE THE DESTINY OF THE MALAYS. + HE DESCRIBED SUCH ACTIONS AS THE ANTICS OF FOOTBALL TEAM WHICH KNOWS ONLY TO BATTLE AGAINST THE OTHER TEAM. ACCORDING TO DR. MAHATHIR, THE SITUATION WAS ASENT IN AREAS WHERE MALAYS WERE IN THE MINORITY BUT MANIFESTED IN STATES SUCH AS KELANAN, TRENGGANU, KEDAH AND PERLIS. --BERNAMA 1821/TL

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MALAYS LIVING IN AREAS WHERE THEY WERE THE MINORITY GROUP SHOULD MAKE MALAYS IN MALAY-DOMINANT AREAS REALISE THAT THEIR ACTIONS COULD THREATEN OR AFFECT THEIR POSITION AND OTHER MALAYS. +CONFLICTS AMONG MALAYS IN MALAY MAJORITY AREAS WOULD WEAKEN THE GENERAL POSITION OF THE MALAYS. + HE SAID THAT HOWEVER THERE WAS UNDERSTANDING ON THE CONCEPT BEHIND THE COALITION MOVE AT THE LEADERSHIP LEVEL. +UNFORTUNATELY THIS UNDERSTANDING HAS NOT REACHED THE LEVEL OF THE ORDINARY MEMBERS. +THERE ARE MEMBERS FROM BOTH PARTIES WHO STILL ARE UNEASY OVER THE COALITIONS. + DR. MAHATHIR REMINDED MALAYS TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES IMPROVE THEIR POSITION, FOR EXAMPLE IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, COMMERCE AND EMPLOYMENT. THERE WERE SOME WHO WERE STILL UNAWARE OF WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO DO FOR THEM. --BERNAMA MORE 1725/TL

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DR. MAHATHIR CITED CASES OF SOME GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS WHO ENTERED UNIVERSITIES THINKING THE SCHOLARSHIPS WERE THEIR INHERENT RIGHT, AND DID NOT LEARN HARD AND FAILED IN THEIR EXAMINATIONS. HE ALSO CENSURED STUDENTS WHO WENT OVERSEAS ON GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS, AND WHILE THERE, TOOK PART IN ACTIVITIES CRITICISING THE GOVERNMENT FOR HELPING THE MALAYS. --BERNAMA 1637/TL