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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 21 (BERNAMA) — DAP ORGANISING SECRETARY ENCIK FAN YEW TENG CREATED AN UPROAR WHEN HE CHUCKED A RUKUNEGARA PAMPHLET DURING THE GREAT ECONOMIC DEBATE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA LAST NIGHT.

HIS ACTION CAUSED A MEMBER OF THE AUDIENCE TO ASK WHETHER IT IMPLIED THAT HE WAS TRYING TO BELITTLE THE IDEALS EMBODIED IN THE RUKUNEGARA.

ENCIK FAN REPLIED THAT HE THREW THE PAMPHLET NOT BECAUSE OF LACK OF CONFIDENCE BUT OUT OF FRUSTRATION WITH THE +WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED BY THE RULING PARTY.+

P THE THEME OF THE DEBATE WAS +1974 GENERAL ELECTION -- A POST-MORTEM.+ MEMBERS OF THE PANEL WERE BARISAN NASIONAL'S REPRESENTATIVE AND EDUCATION MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, PEKEMAS PRESIDENT DR. TAN CHEE KHOON, ENCIK OMAR IBRAHIM FROM THE UNITED INDEPENDENTS PARTY AND ENCIK FAN. -- BERNAMA MORE 1000/AZ

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE ALLIANCE OFFER TO OPPOSITION PARTIES TO JOIN BARISAN NASIONAL REPRESENTED AN HONEST AND UNSELFISH GESTURE TO THE OPPOSITION PARTIES TO SHARE IN THE RUNNING OF THE COUNTRY.

REPLYING TO ALLEGATIONS FROM DR. TAN AND ENCIK FAN THAT BARISAN NASIONAL WAS DESIROUS OF FORMING A ONE-PARTY GOVERNMENT, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE ALLIANCE COULD GO ON HER OWN IF SHE WANTED TO.

DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE DONE SO AFTER 1969 WHEN THE NATIONAL OPERATIONS COUNCIL WAS FORMED WITH THE ESSENTIAL POWERS IN THE HANDS OF THE ALLIANCE.

HE SAID THE LARGE NUMBER OF UNCONTESTED SEATS FOR BOTH PARLIAMENT AND STATE WAS RESPONSIBLE IN SWELLING THE NUMBER OF THE

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ON WEIGHTAGE BETWEEN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS, DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS SO DESIGNED AS TO BE BIASED TOWARDS THE RURAL AREAS IN ORDER TO EFFECT A MORE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION BETWEEN THE TWO CATEGORIES OF AREAS.

THIS WAS DONE IN A CLEAN SPIRIT CONSIDERING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, POOR COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER AMENITIES AND THE LOW RATE OF LITERACY.

EARLIER, ENCIK FAN SAID THE REVIEW OF THE DELIMITATION OF CONSTITUENCIES FOR PARLIAMENT AND STATE HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY CARRIED OUT.

THERE WAS MUCH DISPARITY BETWEEN PARLIAMENT AND STATE AND THE REVIEW TENDED TO BE BIASED AGAINST OPPOSITION STRONGHOLDS, HE SAID.

HE ALSO REGRETTED THAT THE REVIEW WAS PASSED IN PARLIAMENT WITHOUT GIVEN MUCH TIME FOR DEBATE AND DELIBERATION. --  
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ENCIK FAN CALLED ON THE GOVERNMENT TO SET UP A ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY TO INVESTIGATE INTO WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE +MALAYSIAN WATERGATE.+

DR. TAN, WHILE ALSO CALLING FOR A ROYAL COMMISSION OF INQUIRY, URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO MAKE VOTING COMPULSORY FOR ALL ELIGIBLE CITIZENS.

HE ALSO WANTED AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION FOR CITIZENS AFTER 21 AND THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE TO BE CARRIED OUT THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

ENCIK OMAR SAID HIS PARTY'S LOSSES WERE MAINLY DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS.

HE ACCUSED THE BARISAN OF USING +UNFAIR TACTICS+ IN WINNING VOTES. -- BERNAMA 1006/AZ