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ALOR STAR, MARCH 15 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, HAS URGED ALL LOYAL MALAYSIANS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NATION'S SECURITY AND PEACE WHICH ARE BEING THREATENED BY THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS.

HE SAID THAT NO COUNTRY IN THE WORLD COULD SURVIVE AND PROGRESS IF ITS PEOPLE WERE COMPLACENT.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING TO HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AT KAMPUNG KUBANG PASU, 21 MILES FROM HERE, TODAY.

HE IS THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR THE CONSTITUENCY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY AND SECURITY IN FUTURE WERE IN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE AND NOT THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF POLITICIANS AND SECURITY FORCES. — BERNAMA MORE 1937/A1

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COMMUNIST TERRORISM NOT ONLY THREATENED PEACE AND NATIONAL SECURITY BUT ALSO ENDANGERED THE PEOPLE'S LIVES, HE SAID.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IF THE PEOPLE COULD ADOPT THE SPIRIT SHOWN IN THE FIRST EMERGENCY, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD SUCCEED IN DESTROYING THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS.

DR. MAHATHIR WARNED THAT IF THE PEOPLE DID NOT UNITE AND SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT, MALAYSIA WOULD FALL TO THE COMMUNISTS AS IN VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

IF THIS HAPPENED, THE PEOPLE WOULD LOSE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRACY AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

HE ASKED THE PEOPLE TO THINK SERIOUSLY ON THE MATTER BECAUSE IF THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS CAME TO POWER IN THE COUNTRY, THEY WOULD NEVER REGAIN THEIR FREEDOM. — BERNAMA MORE 1941/A1

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE YOUNGER GENERATION WOULD BE TAUGHT AN ANTI-ISLAM IDEOLOGY BECAUSE IT WAS THEIR AIM TO DEPRIVE THE PEOPLE OF THEIR RELIGION.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD ASK THEMSELVES WHETHER THEY WISHED TO SEE THIS HAPPEN, HE SAID.

DR. MAHATHIR URGED THE PEOPLE NOT TO ALLOW COMMUNIST TERRORIST SYMPATHISERS TO ENTER THEIR KAMPUNGS AND MISLEAD THEM TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT SOME NON-ECONOMIC PROJECTS HAD TO BE DELAYED, BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED THE MONEY FOR NATIONAL SECURITY. — BERNAMA 1932/1B