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ALOR STAR, APRIL 17 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TODAY URGED THE MALAYS TO BE MODERATE AND TOLERANT TOWARDS OTHER RACES TO FURTHER FOSTER UNDERSTANDING AND SOLIDARITY.

HE SAID ANY JEALOUSIES AND PREJUDICES AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES MUST BE COMPLETELY ERADICATED BECAUSE IT NOT ONLY HINDERED CLOSED CO-OPERATION BUT ALSO COULD CREATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AMONG THEM.

UNDER THE PRESENT SITUATION, HE ADDED, THE MALAYS COULD NOT AFFORD TO BE DIVIDED BECAUSE THE EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A BALANCED AND EQUAL STANDARD OF LIVING WITH THE NON-MALAYS HAD NOT BEEN ATTAINED YET.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE KUBANG PASU

UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES MEETING AT THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH PULAU NYIOR, 15 MILES FROM HERE.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE MALAYS HAD PROGRESSED WELL IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND BUSINESS, THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS WERE STILL TO REACH THE DESIRED LEVEL.

THEREFORE, THE MALAYS NEEDED TO UNITE AND STRIVE FURTHER TO ACHIEVE GREATER PROGRESS IN ALL FIELDS UNTIL THEY COULD STAND ON THEIR OWN AND BE ABLE TO COMPETE IN ANY FIELD WITH ANYONE. --
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HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE STILL DISSATISFIED WITH THE FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

HE ADVISED THESE PEOPLE TO BE GRATEFUL WITH THE FACILITIES PROVIDED AND NOT TO PURSUE SELFISH GAINS AS SUCH ACTIONS WOULD ONLY RESULT IN FRUSTRATION.

DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THESE PEOPLE SHOULD LOOK BACK AND STUDY THE REASONS WHY UMNO WAS SUCCESSFUL IN ITS POLITICAL STRUGGLE.

THE SUCCESSES ACCORDING TO HIM RESULTED THROUGH SINCERITY AND HONESTY OF ITS LEADERS WHO WORKED HARD WITHOUT HOPING FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IF ALL UMNO MEMBERS ADOPTED SUCH AN ATTITUDE FURTHER PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT WOULD ACHIEVED.

DR. MAHATHIR LATER PRESENTED A CHALLENGE TROPHY TO THE PEKAN KODIANG UMNO BRANCH FOR HAVING THE MOST MEMBERS. -- BERNAMA 1555/ZCM