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MAHATHIR-YOUTH

KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 1 (BERNAMA)--THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, STRESSED TODAY THAT ALL ENEGRIES SHOULD BE CONSOLIDATED TO DEFEAT AND ELIMINATE THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE UMNO VICE PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE PARTY, BEING THE BACKBONE OF THE GOVERNMENT, SHOULD PLAY A LEADING ROLE IN THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS.

+WE MUST ACT AS THE VOICE OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE DEWAN BAHASA DAN PUSTAKA HERE.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS THE DUTY OF UMNO LEADERS AND MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM AND EXPLAIN TO THE PEOPLE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE ANTI-COMMUNIST WAR.--BERNAMA MORE 0935/NB

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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 2 KUALA LUMPUR

HE SAID THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS WAS THE PEOPLE'S WAR. IT HAD BECOME THE PEOPLE'S WAR NOT BECAUSE IT WAS DECLARED SO BUT BECAUSE IT INVOLVED ALL SECTIONS OF THE PEOPLE -- POOR OR RICH AND MALAYS, CHINESE OR INDIANS.

ALL THE COMMUNITIES WOULD FEEL THE UNPLEASANT EFFECTS OF THIS WAR, HE STRESSED.

THE FIRST EFFECT ON THE POOR WOULD BE REDUCTION IN THE ALLOCATION FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WAS AIMED AT ELIMINATING POVERTY.

TO THE RICH, THE WAR WOULD AFFECT THEIR BUSINESS. THEIR EMPLOYEES WOULD BE SIMILARLY AFFECTED.--BERNAMA MORE 0937/NB

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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 3 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE COMMUNISTS WOULD NOT DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN THE POOR AND THE RICH OR FAVOUR ANY PARTICULAR COMMUNITY IN THEIR ATTACKS.

ALL SECTIONS OF THE PEOPLE WOULD FEEL THE COMMUNISTS SUPPRESSION IF THEY WERE TO SUCCEED EVEN SLIGHTLY.

THIS HAD HAPPENED ELSEWHERE AND COULD ALSO HAPPEN IN THIS COUNTRY.

FOR THE MALAYS, HE SAID, THE COMMUNISTS WOULD BE A THREAT TO THEIR RELIGION. TO THE COMMUNISTS IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE WHETHER ISLAM WAS A RELIGION FOR THE POOR OR THE RICH.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE COMMUNISTS, WERE NOW ATTEMPTING TO WEAKEN THE MUSLIMS' FAITH IN THEIR RELIGION.--BERNAMA 0942/NB

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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 4 KUALA LUMPUR

REFERRING TO HIS SPEECH IN PERAK TWO WEEKS AGO DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS DISTORTED BY THE NEW STRAITS TIMES. HE SAID IN HIS SPEECH HE STRESSED THAT +THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS IS NOT A CLASS WAR, BUT IS AN IDEOLOGICAL WAR.+ BUT THE NEW STRAITS TIMES QUOTED HIM AS SAYING THAT +THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS IS NOT JUST A CLASS WAR BUT ALSO AN IDEOLOGICAL WAR.+

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE DISTORTED REPORT HAD CERTAINLY CONFUSED THE PEOPLE AND MIGHT EVEN MAKE THE POOR AND WORKERS FEEL THAT THE WAR WAS BETWEEN THE POOR AND THE RICH AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT SIDE THE RICH.--BERNAMA MORE 0945/NB

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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 5 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE REPORT WAS OBVIOUS. +IT IS THEREFORE VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL UMNO LEADERS AND MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS TO THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT ONLY AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIGHT AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS COULD THE PEOPLE ACHIEVE HAPPINESS.

HE CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO FOREGO PETTY DEMANDS TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO ACHIEVE FASTER RESULTS IN THE WAR.

+THE EARLIER WE SUCCEED, THE EARLIER WE CAN TURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE PEOPLE'S WISHES,+ HE SAID.--BERNAMA MORE 0947/NB.

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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 6 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PEOPLE TO SACRIFICE WAS A TEST TO THE LEADERSHIP OF UMNO MEMBERS.

HE SAID: +SINCE INDEPENDENCE THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FED WITH ALL SORTS OF DEVELOPMENTAL PROJECTS -- SCHOOLS, CLINICS AND COMMUNITY CENTRES. SOME OF THE CENTRES WERE AS GOAT SHEDS OR LEFT TO ROT.

+THESE PEOPLE MAY HAVE NO PATIENCE TO WAIT WHILE WE ARE CONCENTRATING OUR EFFORTS ON THE WAR.

+THEY MAY CONTINUE TO MAKE DEMANDS AND THOSE WHO TRY TO CHANGE THEM WILL DO SO AT THE RISK OF THEIR POPULARITY.--BERNAMA MORE 0949/NB

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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 7 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR SAID, +HERE LIES THE TEST OF LEADERSHIP AMONG UMNO LEADERS.+

+ARE WE PREPARED TO BECOME UNPOPULAR BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT THE WAR AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS IS MORE IMPORTANT OR ARE WE THINKING OF OUR OWN POPULARITY EVEN THOUGH THE RESULTS WILL BE DISASTROUS TO THE NATION?

+FOR SOME LEADERS, POPULARITY COMES FIRST. THEY WILL MAKE ALL SORTS OF DEMANDS FOR THE PEOPLE ALTHOUGH SUCH DEMANDS WILL EVENTUALLY RUIN THE PEOPLE.

+THEY WILL PURPOSELY EXPOSE THE PEOPLE'S DISAPPOINTMENT TO ATTRACT ATTENTION AND SUPPORT,+ HE SAID.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE DID NOT WANT UMNO LEADERS TO SEEK POPULARITY+ JUST FOR THE SAME KF POPULARITY.--BERNAMA MORE 0951/NB

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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 8 KUALA LUMPUR

HE SAID PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EFFORTS TO BRING TO HAPPINESS TO THE PEOPLE. THIS COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH VICTORY OVER THE COMMUNISTS.

IT DID NOT MATTER IF THE PEOPLE SHOUT AT OR CRITICISED UMNO. +IT IS BETTER FOR US TO SINK WHILE DEFENDING THE INTERESTS OF UMNO MEMBERS, THE MALAYS AND THE NATION RATHER THAN BE POPULAR WHILE LEADING OUR PEOPLE AND THE NATION TOWARDS DISASTER,+ HE ADDED.

+LET OTHER PEOPLE BECOME POPULAR BECAUSE CHEAP AND EASY-TO-GET POPULARITY IS ONLY TEMPORARY,+ HE SAID.

HE URGED UMNO MEMBERS TO REVIVE THE SPIRIT OF UNITY WHICH EXISTED WHEN UMNO WAS FIGHTING FOR THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE.--
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NO09 (F)

MAHATHIR-YOUTH 9 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS WRONG FOR THE PEOPLE TO ASSUME THAT THE NATION'S INDEPENDENCE WOULD CONTINUE AS A MATTER-OF-COURSE.

WHETHER OR NOT INDEPENDENCE COULD BE MAINTAINED WOULD DEPEND ON THE SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PEOPLE.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SPOKE OF THE POOR RESPONSE AMONG YOUTHS TO JOIN UMNO. RESEARCH SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO FIND OUT THE REASONS.

+IS IT BECAUSE UMNO HAS BECOME TOO PROUD AND DOES NOT CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE PARTY?

OR IS IT BECAUSE THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT WE ARE DOING?+---
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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 10 KUALA LUMPUR

+IT IS NECESSARY FOR US TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY THE CAUSE AS THIS IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN OVERCOME THE PROBLEM+ HE SAID. EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN UMNO WOULD BENEFIT YOUTHS, IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY WERE IN OR OUTSIDE UMNO, BECAUSE THE PARTY WAS AN IMPORTANT AGENCY IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MALAYS.

WHETHER THOSE OUTSIDE UMNO REALISED THIS OR NOT, UMNO YOUTH SHOULD MAKE EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE PARTY WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE SUPPORT FROM THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS.

ONLY THROUGH SUCH ATTITUDE AND ACTION, COULD UMNO CONTINUE TO BE A DYNAMIC POLITICAL ORGANISATION, HE SAID.--BERNAMA MORE 1000/NB

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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 11 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR HOPED THE YOUNGER GENERATION IN THE PARTY WOULD ACT WITH FULL RESPONSIBILITY AND BE POSITIVE IN THEIR APPROACH.

HE SAID CRITICISM WAS ESSENTIAL BUT THAT ALONE DID NOT MEAN THEY HAD FULFILLED THEIR DUTIES RESPONSIBLY.

+RATHER, WE SHOULD PLAY OUR ROLED TO BRING ABOUT WHAT WE AIM FOR, + HE SAID.

HE ALSO STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PARTY PARTICIPATING IN ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD HELP FORM A HEALTHY SOCIETY.

THIS WAS IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF INCREASING INFLUENCE OF UNHEALTHY FOREIGN VALUES AMONG THE MALAYS, ESPECIALLY YOUTHS.

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MAHATHIR-YOUTH 12 KUALA LUMPUR

DR. MAHATHIR REGRETTED THAT SOME LEADERS WERE RUNNING DOWN EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO GAIN POSITION WITHIN THE PARTY.

HE WARNED THAT THERE WAS NO PLACE IN UMNO FOR SUCH TACTICS.

UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO SHOULD WORK FOR THE BENEFIT OF UMNO AS A WHOLE. THEY SHOULD NOT RUN DOWN EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO GAIN INFLUENCE.

HE SAID THAT UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD MAKE CRITICISMS AGAINST LEADERS ONLY THROUGH PROPER CHANNELS.

THE USE OF THREATS WOULD NOT BRING ABOUT THE DESIRABLE RESULTS BUT WOULD DESTROY THE PARTY, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA 1008/1B