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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 8 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT THERE SOME MALAYSIANS WHO WERE PREPARED TO GO OVERSEAS TO CONDEMN THEIR COUNTRY AND CRITICISE MALAY NATIONALISM.

THEY BEFRIENDED PEOPLE OVERSEAS TO SMEAR THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND THE MALAY LEADERSHIP. HE SAID WHEN OPENING A SYMPOSIUM ENTITLED +MALAY LEADERSHIP+ ORGANISED BY THE MALAY STUDIES DEPARTMENT AND THE MALAY LANGUAGE SOCIETY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA.

THESE PEOPLE CLAIMED TO BE PATRIOTS, HE SAID, AND IF PRAISED BY OTHERS, ESPECIALLY WHITE MEN, THEY EVEN BECAME WILLING TO MAKE THE MALAYS BECOME CONFUSED WITH THEIR LEADERSHIP.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID MANY MALAYS SUPPORTED THE VIEWS OF THESE PEOPLE, THUS CAUSING DISUNITY AMONG THE MALAYS.

HE SAID THE MALAY COMMUNITY WAS STILL NOT STRONG, EITHER WAS THEIR POSITION IN VARIOUS FIELDS. -- BERNAMA MORE 19A /YF

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID AS A RESULT, WHEN THE MALAY COMMUNITY UNDERWENT THESE PROCESSES, THEY WOULD EXPERIENCE ADVERSE EFFECTS. +THE MALAYS NOW DO NOT KNOW WHICH DIRECTION THEY ARE HEADING. TO FOLLOW WILL BE WRONG. NOT TO FOLLOW IS ALSO WRONG. TO BE NEUTRAL IS WRONG, TO BE NOT NEUTRAL IS WRONG.+

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS PICTURE COULD BE EXAGGERATED, BUT EXAGGERATION WAS RELATIVE.

+WHAT WAS EXTREME LONG AGO IS NORMAL NOWADAYS, AND WHAT IS EXTREME NOW WILL BE REGARDED AS NORMAL IN THE FUTURE.

+BUT, WHETHER LOOKED AT FROM THE 1946 OR 1957 VIEWPOINT, MALAY LEADERSHIP NOW IS VERY BAD.+ -- BERNAMA MORE 1952/YF

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID MALAYS WERE AT PRESENT EXPOSED TO MANY TYPES OF LEADERSHIP AND THOUSANDS OF LEADERS BECAUSE DEMOCRACY HAD BEEN HERE FOR A LONG TIME.

THE MALAYS, HE SAID, HAD BEEN ASKED TO MOVE TO THE LEFT, TO THE RIGHT, FORWARD AND BACKWARD AND UP AND DOWN.

THEY HAD ALSO BEEN ASKED TO ACCEPT IDEOLOGIES AND ALSO NOT TO HAVE ANY IDEOLOGY AND ONE THOUSAND AND ONE MORE CONFLICTING CALLS FROM MALAY LEADERS THEMSELVES.

+IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE MALAYS HAVE BECOME UNCERTAIN OF THEIR DIRECTION, AND THEIR OBJECTIVES.

+IF THEY WERE STRONGLY UNITED AND ABLE TO POOL THEIR RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE THEIR AIMS FROM 1946 TO 1957, NOW THEY ARE DIVIDED INTO THOUSANDS OF FACTIONS CONSTANTLY QUARRELLING AMONG THEMSELVES.+ -- BERNAMA MORE 2000/YF

DR. MAHATHIR SAID PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL RULER DID NOT MEAN THAT DEMOCRACY DID NOT BENEFIT THE MALAYS.

HE SAID THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM WAS BETTER THAN THE FEUDAL SYSTEM, BUT THE ADVANTAGES OF ONE SYSTEM COULD NOT ENSURE GOOD EFFECTS.

HE SAID THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM PROVIDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ANYONE TO BECOME A LEADER.

HE HOPED THE SYMPOSIUM WOULD NOT BECOME A FORUM FOR SMEARING ONE GROUP OF LEADERS AND SUPPORTING OTHER GROUPS WHICH HAD NOT YET ATTAINED ANY POSITION. -- BERNAMA 2024/YF

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID IN THE PAST, NEARLY ALL THE MALAYS WERE NATIONALISTIC AND LOVED THEIR RACE. 153 1862

BUT NOW, THERE WERE SOME WHO OPENLY DECLARED THAT TO BE MALAY NATIONALISTS WAS NARROW-MINDED AND UN-ISLAMIC.

HE SAID THAT AS MUSLIMS, NATIONALISM WAS NOT NECESSARY. WHAT WAS NECESSARY WAS SOLIDARITY IN ISLAM AND THEREFORE THESE PEOPLE CRITICISED MALAY NATIONALISM AS UN-ISLAMIC.

UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR CRITICISMS DID NOT UNITE THE MALAYS AS MUSLIMS BUT INSTÉD ISRUPTED AND WEAKENED THEM AS MUSLIMS, HE SAID.

HE SAID THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO TRAVELLED TO ISLAMIC COUNTRIES TO CONDEMN THE MALAYS AND MALAY LEADERSHIP AS PRACTICISING NATIONALISM AND NOT ISLAM. -- BERNAMA MORE 2030/YF