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BENTONG, APRIL 24 (BERNAMA)—DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY URGED MALAYS NOT TO WASTE TIME FIGHTING "CONCOCTED" ENEMIES AS DON QUIXOTE FOUGHT THE WINDMILL THINKING IT WAS A DRAGON.

THIS WOULD ONLY CAUSE THEM TO LEAVE THEIR REAL PROBLEMS UNATTENDED, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID WHEN OPENING THE 24TH DELEGATES' MEETING OF THE BENTONG UMNO DIVISION HERE.

HE SAID THAT CERTAIN GROUPS "CREATED" SUCH ENEMIES WHEN THE GOVERNMENT DISAGREED WITH THEIR PROPOSALS.

FOR EXAMPLE, A CERTAIN GROUP THAT PROJECTED ITSELF AS A CAMPAIGNER OF ISLAM PROPOSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT PROVIDE PRAYER ROOMS IN TRAINS.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AN ENEMY IF IT DID NOT IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL AND THE GROUP WOULD INCITE THE PEOPLE INTO OPPOSING THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER CRITICISED GROUPS WHICH USED RELIGION TO DISGUISE THEIR PROPOSALS SO THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT OPPOSE THEIR MOVE FOR FEAR OF BEING PRANDED ENEMIES.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE ACTUAL ENEMIES WERE THOSE WHO MADE THE PROPOSALS BECAUSE THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR CAUSING THE PEOPLE TO WASTE TIME QUARRELLING AMONGST THEMSELVES INSTEAD OF IMPROVING THEIR LOT.

HE URGED UMNO MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY THE GENUINE STRUGGLE FROM THE FALSE ONE OF CERTAIN GROUPS THAT WORKED FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE CREATION OF "CONCOCTED" ENEMIES ALSO OCCURRED IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD.

THERE WERE GROUPS WHICH OPPOSED THE SECULAR EDUCATION CONCEPT BY CLAIMING THAT IT DEVIATED FROM ISLAMIC TEACHINGS AND THAT THOSE WHO OBSERVED THE CONCEPT WERE ENEMIES OF ISLAM.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO PROVIDE PROPER EDUCATION TO MALAYS AS IT FELT THAT THIS WOULD HELP MALAYS COMPETE WITH OTHERS FOR PROGRESS.

DR. MAHATHIR ARRIVED AT THE ARMY CAMP IN PATU EMPAT IN A HELICOPTER AND WAS TAKEN IN A MOTORCADE ESCORTED BY 200 UMNO YOUTH MOTORCYCLISTS TO THE UMNO BUILDING HERE.

DEPUTY EDUCATION MINISTER ENCIK CHAN SIANG SUN, WHO IS THE MP FOR BENTONG, WAS PRESENT. — BERNAMA HM 1551