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KUALA TRENGGANU, APRIL 29 (BERNAMA) -- DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD  
REMINDS UMNO MEMBERS TODAY TO ADHERE TO THE PARTY'S REGULATIONS  
AND DISCIPLINE.

PART OF THE REASON FOR UMNO'S SUCCESS AS A RULING PARTY WAS DUE  
TO ITS MEMBERS HOLDING FAST TO THE RULES AND DISCIPLINE, HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS OPENING THE DELEGATES' MEETING OF  
THE ULU NERUS UMNO DIVISION AT THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH SAINS, GONG  
BADAK HERE.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, SAID SOME  
FELT THAT PARTY MEMBERS VIEWS NEED NOT BE TAILORED BY THE OPINIONS  
OF LEADERS.

HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UMNO LEADERS WERE NOT ALWAYS RIGHT. THERE  
WERE TIMES WHEN THEY MADE A SLIP OR THEIR OPINIONS WERE NOT IN  
LINE WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OR PEOPLE. -- BERNAMA  
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DR. MAHATHIR SAID UMNO HAD PROVIDED PROPER CHANNELS FOR THOSE  
WISHING TO VOICE THEIR DISSATISFACTION.

THIS IS NOT TO RESTRICT CRITICS IN UMNO BUT TO AVOID SOLIDARITY  
WITHIN THE PARTY BEING THREATENED BY CONTRADICTORY VIEWS FROM  
LEADERS AND FOLLOWERS, + HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD FOUND THAT UMNO LEADERS  
SPOKE AGAINST GOVERNMENT MEASURES THAT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY UMNO  
MINISTERS THEMSELVES.

HE SAID THAT THESE PEOPLE CHALLENGED THE POLICIES OF THE  
GOVERNMENT AS THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WERE AN OPPOSITION ONE.

DR. MAHATHIR CITED THE INDUSTRIAL CO-ORDINATION ACT AS AN  
EXAMPLE.

HE SAID UMNO MEMBERS ALLEGED THAT THE ACT CAUSED A REDUCTION IN  
INVESTMENT ALTHOUGH THE ACT WAS FORMULATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND  
SUPPORTED BY UMNO ITSELF. -- BERNAMA MORE 1715/LK

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HE SAID THAT IF UMNO MEMBERS WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE ACT,  
UMNO COULD PROVIDE A PROPER CHANNEL FOR CRITICISM AND CORRECTION.

IN THIS WAY, PARTY SOLIDARITY WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED AND THE  
LEADERS WOULD NOT BECOME WEAK, HE ADDED.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IF UMNO MEMBERS DID NOT PLACE TRUST IN  
THEIR LEADERS, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR OTHER PARTIES IN THE  
BARISAN NASIONAL TO RESPECT UMNO LEADERS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT MALAYS LIKED DISCIPLINE AND  
ALWAYS FOLLOWED CUSTOMS THAT DETERMINED THEIR ACTIONS. -- BERNAMA  
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BUT THERE WERE GROUPS WHO WERE TRYING TO CREATE TROUBLE WITHIN  
THE PARTY.

EARLIER, MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD AND OTHER  
STATE VIPS WELCOMED DR. MAHATHIR AND HIS WIFE, DR. HASMAH,  
AT THE TELAGA BATIN AIRPORT.

THEY WERE ESCORTED BY A KOMPANG GROUP AND BUNGA MANGGAR CARRIERS  
UPON ARRIVAL AT THE SCHOOL. -- BERNAMA 1719/LK