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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 8 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD MALAYS TODAY TO STAND ON THEIR OWN FEET AND SEEK THE ASSISTANCE THEY NEEDED BY THEMSELVES. THEY SHOULD NOT DEPEND ON UMNO TO USE ITS POWER WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT TO HELP THEM.

IF THIS CONTINUED, THEY WOULD CRIPPLE UMNO, HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE KUALA LUMPUR BANDAR UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES MEETING.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO AN UMNO VICE PRESIDENT, SAID UMNO NOW REPRESENTED AN EASY MEANS FOR MALAYS TO OBTAIN AID.

+IF MALAYS WANTED SOMETHING, THEY GOT IT EASILY BY STATING THAT THEY ARE UMNO MEMBERS. OR, MORE EASILY, THEY GO THROUGH CERTAIN PERSONS WITHIN UMNO.+

HE SAID THE MALAYS WOULD BECOME A WEAK RACE IF THEY WERE UNWILLING TO STRUGGLE FOR AND DEFEND THEIR RIGHTS.-- BERNAMA MORE 1352/1B

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+WITH THIS ATTITUDE OF THE MALAYS OF DEPENDING ENTIRELY ON OTHERS TO HELP THEM, I FEAR THE ERA OF DECLINE FOR THE RACE HAS BEGUN,+ HE SAID.

HE APPEALED TO THE MALAYS TO PONDER OVER THE HISTORY OF WORLD CIVILISATIONS, ESPECIALLY THE GROWTH AND COLLAPSE OF LARGE EMPIRES.

ONE GOOD EXAMPLE WAS THE HISTORY OF ROME WHICH WAS SO ADVANCED BUT HAD FINALLY COLLAPSED BECAUSE THE RULERS EMPLOYED MERCENARIES TO DEFEND ITS SUPREMACY,+ DR. MAHATHIR SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1407/LK

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DR. MAHATHIR URGED UMNO MEMBERS TO THINK OF BETTER WAYS TO FINANCE THE PARTY'S CAUSE IN THE INTEREST OF MALAYS.

EACH MEMBER SHOULD CONTRIBUTE MORE TO THE PARTY, HE SAID AND ASKED: +IS THE SUBSCRIPTION OF \$1 A YEAR A SUFFICIENT SACRIFICE?+

IS THIS SMALL SACRIFICE ENOUGH TO FINANCE THE CAUSE OF UMNO WHICH HAD SUCCEEDED IN GAINING FOR MALAYS THE HIGH RESPECT OF OTHER COMMUNITIES?+

THE DIVISIONAL CHAIRMAN, DATUK HAJJAH AISHAH GHANI, SAID THE DIVISION WOULD HOLD A GOLF COMPETITION SOON TO RAISE FUNDS.

THE MONEY WOULD BE USED TO PAY THE SCHOOL FEES OF POOR PUPILS AND TO CARRY OUT AN ANTI-DRUG CAMPAIGN, SHE ADDED. -- BERNAMA