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JOHORE BAHRU, MAY 20 (BERNAMA) -- DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS REPEATED HIS CALL TO UMNO MEMBERS TO HELP FINANCE THE PARTY AND MAKE IT SELF-RELIANT.

UMNO SHOULD NOT SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM ANY OUTSIDE BODY SO THAT IT COULD PROMOTE ITS CAUSE FREE OF INFLUENCE FROM ANY QUARTER.

IT WAS WRONG TO THINK THAT UMNO COULD EASILY FINANCE ITS CAUSE SINCE, AS THE RULING PARTY, IT COULD OBTAIN DONATIONS, HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE DELEGATES MEETING OF THE PULAI UMNO DIVISION NEAR HERE TODAY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO VICE PRESIDENT, IN URGING PARTY MEMBERS TO MAINTAIN THEIR SOLIDARITY AND MORALE, SAID SOME GROUPS WERE NOW WORKING TO SPLIT MALAY UNITY AND DESTROY UMNO.

HE SAID THESE GROUPS WERE TRYING TO DRAW MALAYS AWAY INTO OTHER ORGANISATIONS AND WARNED THAT THIS ACTION COULD WEAKEN THE MALAYS AND UMNO. -- BERNAMA MORE 1702/A1

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+ONLY UMNO HAS THE CAPABILITY TO STRUGGLE FOR THE MALAYS AND, BECAUSE OF THIS, EVERY MEMBER MUST HELP MAINTAIN PARTY SOLIDARITY AT ALL TIMES, + HE SAID.

HE PRAISED THE JOHORE UMNO FOR MAKING THE STATE AN UMNO STRONGHOLD.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE SENAI AIRPORT BY DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT, THE DEPUTY TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER AND HEAD OF THE PULAI UMNO DIVISION. -- BERNAMA 1704/A1