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ALOR STAR, MAY 27 (BERNAMA) -- THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WARNED UMNO MEMBERS TODAY ABOUT PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE PARTY TRYING TO SPLIT IT'S SOLIDARITY.

+LATELY, THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE OUTSIDE UMNO WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES TO BE INTELLECTUALS AND ARE ALWAYS GIVING THEIR OPINIONS ON THE ROLE OF UMNO+, HE SAID.

HE SAID THESE PEOPLE WERE TRYING TO CREATE DISSATISFACTION AMONG ONE GROUP OF UMNO MEMBERS SO THAT THERE WOULD BE MISUNDERSTANDING WITH OTHER GROUPS.

WHEN THE MEMBERS BEGAN ATTACKING EACH OTHER, UMNO WOULD BE WEAKENED AND THE MOTIVES OF THESE PEOPLE WOULD HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, WAS OPENING THE DELEGATES MEETING OF ALOR STAR UMNO DIVISION HERE. HE IS THE LEADER OF THE DIVISION. --BERNAMA MORE 1639/BY

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID A NEW SITUATION HAD ARISEN WHERE CERTAIN NON-UMNO MEMBERS AND SOMETIMES EVEN NON-POLITICIANS TRIED TO INFLUENCE UMNO MEMBERS.

AS SOME OF THE MEMBERS WERE IGNORANT, THEY HAD ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE LED BY THESE PEOPLE.

HE SAID SOME OF THESE PEOPLE WERE UNIVERSITY LECTURERS. ENJOYING JOB SECURITY, THEY FELT THEY COULD CRITICISE WITHOUT HAVING TO ANSWER FOR THEM AS THEY WERE NOT POLITICIANS.

THEY MADE THEIR CRITICISMS AT FORUMS AND IN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES AND GAVE THEIR VIEWS ON HOW UMNO COULD BE IMPROVED.

LATELY, THESE PEOPLE EVEN TRIED TO PUT NEW INTERPRETATIONS TO THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY.

AS THESE PEOPLE WERE GOOD TALKERS, SOME MALAYS INCLUDING UMNO MEMBERS WERE ATTRACTED TO THEIR VIEWS. --BERNAMA MORE 1730/BY

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THEIR VIEWS WERE THOSE OF LEFTISTS. INDIRECTLY, THEY WANTED TO INFLUENCE UMNO MEMBERS WITH THEIR VIEWS ON THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY.

THESE PEOPLE HAD LEANINGS TOWARDS SOCIALISM AND COMMUNISM BUT THEY WOULD NEVER ADMIT THEY WERE SOCIALISTS OR COMMUNISTS BECAUSE IF THEY DID SO, UMNO MEMBERS WOULD REJECT THEIR VIEWS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD BE WARY OF THESE PEOPLE AND NOT ACCEPT THEIR IDEAS ALTHOUGH THEY WERE INTELLECTUALS. THIS WAS BECAUSE THEIR VIEWS WERE NOT BASED ON UMNO'S STRUGGLE.

EARLIER, DR. MAHATHIR OPENED THE DELEGATES MEETING OF KUALA KEDAH UMNO DIVISION AT TUANKU ABDUL HALIM PRIMARY SCHOOL HERE. --BERNAMA 1733/BY