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KUALA LUMPUR, MAR. 19 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TODAY HIT OUT AGAINST PEOPLE WHO MADE USE OF UMNO FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THEY WERE CONSTANTLY ON THE LOOK-OUT TO EXPLOIT ANY CRISIS OR TROUBLE WITHIN UMNO.

OPENING THE DELEGATES' MEETINGS OF THE UMNO AND UMNO YOUTH SELAYANG DIVISION HERE, HE SAID THAT WHEN A CRISIS OCCURRED WITHIN THE PARTY, THESE PEOPLE +STOKED UP+ THE EMOTIONS OF MEMBERS WITH THE AIM OF CAPTURING POWER AND INFLUENCE.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION WOULD TURN TENSE AND EVENTUALLY IT WAS THESE PEOPLE AND NOT THE PARTY THAT SCORED FROM THE CRISIS.

DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR EXHORTED UMNO MEMBERS NOT TO ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN AND TO SAVE THE PARTY FROM BEING DESTROYED BY +THESE PEOPLE.+ — BERNAMA MORE 1215/YF

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DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO A VICE-PRESIDENT OF UMNO, TOLD MEMBERS THAT THERE WERE NO OUTSIDERS WHO WERE FIGHTING FOR THE CAUSES OF UMNO.

UMNO'S STRUGGLES, HE SAID, WERE CARRIED OUT BY THE MEMBERS THEMSELVES AND ONLY UMNO ESPOUSED THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY.

+IT IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL FOR UMNO MEMBERS THEMSELVES TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF UMNO'S STRUGGLES AND FOR THIS, THEY SHOULD THINK OF WAYS OF ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PARTY.+

HE HAD EARLIER URGED MEMBERS TO PONDER ON THE BEST WAY OF FINDING THE SOLUTION TO ANY CRISIS OR PROBLEM CROPPING UP WITHIN THE PARTY.

HE SAID MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE RULED BY EMOTIONS IN ACTING TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS. — BERNAMA MORE 1247/YF

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THEY SHOULD GIVE THE MATTER DEEP CONSIDERATION AND ENDEAVOUR TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE MEANS PROVIDED IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE PARTY TO SETTLE THE CRISIS.

+THIS IS THE BEST WAY FOR US TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS WE FACE,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR WAS HAPPY THAT DESPITE UNDERGOING VARIOUS TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS SINCE ITS INCEPTION 32 YEARS AGO, UMNO HAD BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME EACH OF ITS PROBLEMS EFFECTIVELY.

THIS SUCCESS HAD NOT ONLY REINFORCED THE PARTY'S POSITION AND SOLIDARITY BUT ALSO INCREASED ITS POTENCY, HE SAID. — BERNAMA 1250/YF