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KUALA LIPIS, MAY 1 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE MALAYS WOULD LOSE THEIR POLITICAL POWER IF PAS LEADERS SUCCEEDED IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO SPLIT THE UNITY OF THE MALAYS.

OPENING THE DELEGATES MEETING OF LIPIS UMNO DIVISION HERE TODAY, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WERE JEALOUS OF UMNO'S STRENGTH AND WERE DOING THEIR BEST TO WEAKEN IT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ONE OF UMNO'S VICE-PRESIDENTS, SAID PAS PRESIDENT DATUK ASRI HAJI MUDA HIMSELF HAD MENTIONED THAT THE MALAYS WOULD LOSE THEIR POLITICAL POWER BY 1990.

HE SAID PAS WAS TRYING TO SPLIT THE UNITY OF THE MALAYS BY WORKING WITH OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES, INCLUDING THE DAP, TO WEAKEN UMNO AND OTHER COMPONENT PARTIES IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR URGED UMNO MEMBERS TO BE VIGILANT AGAINST THOSE TRYING TO CREATE FEAR AND APPREHENSION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE MALAYS.

IN RAISING THE ISSUE, THE OPPOSITION HOPED TO GAIN THE SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT OF THE MALAYS.

UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD KEEP AWAY FROM SUCH PEOPLE AS THEY WERE THE ENEMIES OF THE PARTY.

HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR UMNO MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND THE PARTY'S POLICIES AND TO BE AWARE OF THE PARTY'S HISTORY.

THE PARTY, WHICH HAD BEEN IN EXISTANCE FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS, HAD ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN EFFORTS TO UNITE THE MALAYS.

“WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN UNITING THE MALAYS AND ENSURING THEIR POLITICAL POSITION WITHOUT TOUCHING ON THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS”, HE ADDED.

“IT IS THEREFORE THE DUTY OF UMNO MEMBERS TO HELP MAINTAIN THIS UNITY AND STRENGTH.” —BERNAMA MORE 1510/BY

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID A STRONG UMNO COULD ENSURE THE NATION'S FUTURE AS THE PARTY WAS THE BACKBONE OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT.

HE STRESSED THAT ALTHOUGH UMNO WAS A DEMOCRATIC PARTY, MEMBERS HAD TO ADHERE TO CERTAIN DISCIPLINE AND PROCEDURES.

“ANY MISUNDERSTANDING SHOULD BE SOLVED AMONG OURSELVES ACCORDING TO EXISTING PROCEDURES”, HE ADDED.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS CONFIDENT THAT UMNO WOULD DO WELL IN THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION AS THE PARTY'S STRENGTH WAS BASED ON GRASS-ROOT SUPPORT.

UMNO'S BRANCHES AND MEMBERS HAD INCREASED SINCE PAS LEFT THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

ALTHOUGH THE PARTY WAS FIGHTING FOR THE MALAYS IT HAD NOT NEGLECTED THE NEEDS OF OTHER COMMUNITIES.

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THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ATTORNEY GENERAL, DATUK SERI HANZAH ABU SAMAH, WHO IS THE HEAD OF STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE, ALSO SPOKE AT THE FUNCTION.

DENYING THAT PAHANG UMNO WAS HAVING LEADERSHIP CRISIS, DATUK SERI HANZAH SAID WITH THE COOPERATION OF MEMBERS THE STATE UMNO WOULD CONTINUE TO BE STRONG AND UNITED.

HE REMINDS MEMBERS TO BE VIGILANT AGAINST THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS AND TO COOPERATE WITH THE AUTHORITIES TO ELIMINATE THE THREAT.

HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER TAN SRI GHAZALI SHAFIES, WHO IS HEAD OF THE LIPIS UMNO DIVISION, SAID A POLICE FIELD FORCE AND ARMY HEAD-QUARTERS WOULD BE SET UP IN KUALA LIPIS.

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