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ALOR STAR, MAY 11⁷⁸ (BERNAMA) — (P) DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT UMNO'S EFFORTS TO FORTIFY ITS POSITION WERE NOT MEANT TO SHOW OFF ITS STRENGTH BUT TO GUARANTEE THE FUTURE OF THE GENERATIONS TO COME.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID UMNO WAS FORMED FOR ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY AND GENERATIONS TO ENSURE THAT ITS STRUGGLES WOULD CONTINUE.

+UMNO'S STRUGGLES MUST BE CARRIED ON SO THAT RELIGION, RACE AND NATION WILL BE HELD IN HIGH REGARD AND AWE BY THE PEOPLE, + HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS AN UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, WAS ADDRESSING MORE THAN 5,000 PEOPLE AT A RALLY TO MARK UMNO'S 32ND ANNIVERSARY ORGANISED BY KEDAH UMNO AT STADIUM DATUK SYED OMAR HERE.

FINANCE MINISTER TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI SYED AHMAD SHAHABUDDIN, PERLIS MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI JAAFAR HASSAN AND UMNO YOUTH ACTING PRESIDENT HAJI SUHAIMI DATUK KAMARUDDIN WERE PRESENT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID UMNO'S STRUGGLES WOULD ENSURE THAT THE MALAYS WERE ON EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE OTHER RACES IN ALL FIELDS. — BERNAMA MORE 2048/YF

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HE SAID UMNO HAD SURVIVED THUS FAR BECAUSE IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN UNITED AND HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY OF THE MALAYS.

IN ADDITION, MANY OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION HAD JOINED UMNO BECAUSE THEY HAD CONFIDENCE IN THE PARTY'S STRUGGLES, HE SAID.

+WE SHOULD BE PROUD THAT UMNO HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR 32 YEARS AND HAS WON MANY VICTORIES FOR THE MALAYS IN PARTICULAR AND THE NATION IN GENERAL, + HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EMPHASISED THAT THE PARTY'S KEY TO SUCCESS WAS THE SOLIDARITY AMONG ITS MEMBERS AND STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE.

HE STRESSED THAT UMNO WAS SET UP SOLELY TO SERVE THE PEOPLE.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, SOME PEOPLE WERE DISCONCERTED BY THE PARTY'S EFFORTS AND TRIED TO SPLIT NATIONAL UNITY TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN EVIL AIMS. — BERNAMA MORE 2053/ZCM

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+WE MUST BE WARY OF THE ACTIONS OF THESE PEOPLE AND ENSURE THAT THEY DO NOT GET WHAT THEY WANT, + HE WARNED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REMINDED UMNO MEMBERS NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY TALK THAT WEALTH WAS NOT IMPORTANT IN EFFORTS TO SECURE A BRIGHTER FUTURE.

HE SAID WEALTH WAS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF ISLAM AND THE NATION.

EARLIER, TENGKU RAZALEIGH SAID THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN UMNO SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A SIGN OF A POWER STRUGGLE WITHIN THE PARTY.

THERE WAS NO SUCH THING IN UMNO'S DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, HE SAID.

HE URGED UMNO MEMBERS TO INTENSIFY THEIR HOUSE-TO-HOUSE CAMPAIGNS TO VINDICATE UMNO FROM THE ACCUSATIONS THAT OPPOSITION LEADERS HAD HURLED AT THE PARTY. — BERNAMA 2102/ZCM