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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 22 (BERNAMA)-DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ACCUSED PAS OF COOPERATING WITH THE DAP IN THE COMING ELECTION TO DIVIDE MALAY VOTES.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL AND UMNO WERE MAKING AN ANALYSIS ON THE "COOPERATION".

THE ANALYSIS, WHEN COMPLETED, WOULD BE EXPLAINED TO THE PUBLIC. HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A PARTY MEETING AT UMNO HOUSE HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS AN UMNO VICE PRESIDENT SAID THAT PAS WAS PUTTING ITS CANDIDATES AGAINST UMNO WITH THE SOLE INTENTION OF DIVIDING MALAY VOTES.

"THAT IS WHY PAS PUTS ITS CANDIDATES IN MALAY AREAS AND NOT IN OTHER AREAS, LIKE PENANG," HE ADDED.

--BERNAMA MORE HM 1617

MAHATHIR - PAS 2 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVE OF DIVIDING MALAY VOTES, PAS WOULD DO ANYTHING EVEN IF IT MEANT CO-OPERATING WITH THE DAP.

"PAS WILL DO THIS ALTHOUGH IT KNOWS THAT THE DAP DOES NOT ACCEPT THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY," HE ADDED.

HE SAID UMNO WAS PAS' ONLY ENEMY AND THAT WAS WHY IT ATTACKED UMNO AND NOT THE DAP.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF THE DAP FACING A FURTHER SPLIT FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATIONS OF SOME LEADERS AND MEMBERS.

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ON THE DECISION OF PAS LEADER DATUK HAJI MOHAMED ASRI TO CONTEST IN THE PADANG TERAP PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY IN KEDAH, HE SAID THAT THE PAS LEADER "HAS NO PRINCIPLES".

THIS SHOWED THAT DATUK ASRI HAD FAILED IN HIS AMBITION TO CREATE AN ISLAMIC GOVERNMENT IN KELANTAN WHICH IT HELD FOR 19 YEARS, HE ADDED.

"THAT IS WHY THE PAS LEADER IS MOVING TO KEDAH TO CONTEST."

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID UMNO AND THE BARISAN NASIONAL WERE NOT "AFRAID" OF FACING DATUK ASRI IN KEDAH.

"WE WILL USE OUR PRESENT ELECTION MACHINERY, WHICH IS ALL PREPARED IN FACING HIM," HE ADDED.

POSSIBLY PADANG TERAP WOULD THIS TIME BECOME A "TRAP" TO DATUK ASRI, HE SAID.

--BERNAMA MORE HM 1630

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL'S CHANCE OF WINNING THE COMING ELECTION WAS GOOD.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH IT WOULD NOT BE AS GOOD AS THE 1974 ELECTION, IT WOULD CERTAINLY BE BETTER THAN THE 1969 ELECTION RESULTS.

HE SAID THE RESULTS OF THE 1974 ELECTION WAS EXCELLENT BECAUSE +WE WERE RETURNED UNOPPOSED IN MANY CONSTITUENCIES AS PAS WAS THEN IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL+.

ON MEMBERS OF BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES WHO WERE STANDING AS INDEPENDENTS, HE SAID THEY WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED INTO THE BARISAN NASIONAL EVEN IF THEY WON THEIR SEATS.

+WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THEM INTO THE BARISAN NASIONAL EVEN IF COMPONENT PARTIES WERE TO ACCEPT THEM,+ HE STRESSED. --BERNAMA MORE 1731/BY

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ASKED WHY THE BARISAN NASIONAL DID NOT PUT UP ITS CANDIDATE IN THE KINABATANGAN PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY IN SABAH, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS WAS BECAUSE THE TWO COMPONENT PARTIES IN THE STATE — BERJAYA AND USNO — WERE UNSURE WHICH PARTY HAD MORE SUPPORT IN THE AREA.

+THAT IS WHY THE TWO PARTIES ARE ALLOWED TO SUPPORT ANY INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE AND THE CANDIDATE WHO WINS WILL POSSIBLY BE ADMITTED INTO THE BARISAN NASIONAL+.

HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THIS DID NOT MEAN THE BARISAN NASIONAL WAS NOT FIRM IN THE MATTER BECAUSE +IF WE ARE NOT FIRM WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE THE DECISION+.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALSO EXPLAINED THE POSITION OF THE MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL TERRITORY, HAJI HASSAN ADLI, WHO RESIGNED FROM BERJASA AND IS STANDING FOR THE BAGAN DATOH PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY ON A BARISAN NASIONAL TICKET.

HE SAID THIS WAS A SPECIAL CASE AND HAJI HASSAN ADLI HAD BEEN GIVEN +LEEWAY+ IN VIEW OF THE UNCERTAIN SITUATION IN THE BERJASA LEADERSHIP.

+ACTUALLY HE SHOULD STAND AS A BERJASA CANDIDATE BUT WE ARE UNSURE FOLLOWING THE PARTY CRISIS+, HE SAID. —BERNAMA 1735/BY

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HE ADDED: +IF HAJI HASSAN CONTESTS THE ELECTION AS A BERJASA CANDIDATE WE FEAR THAT HIS NOMINATION PAPER WILL BE REJECTED BECAUSE OF THE PARTY'S LEADERSHIP CRISIS.

+WE CANNOT TAKE THE RISK AND THAT IS WHY WE GIVE HIM THE LEEWAY TO STAND ON A BARISAN NASIONAL TICKET ALTHOUGH HE IS NOT A MEMBER OF ANY PARTY+. —BERNAMA 1736/BY