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ALOR STAR, JUNE 22 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS CRITICISED PAS FOR USING VERSES FROM THE KORAN IN ITS MANIFESTO TO FISH FOR VOTES IN THE ELECTION.

HE SAID THE INDISCRIMINATE USE OF KORANIC VERSES WAS AGAINST THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE EASILY INFLUENCED BY THE PAS MANIFESTO WHICH WAS ONLY SEEKING TO SERVE THE PARTY'S OWN INTERESTS, HE SAID IN A CERAMAH SESSION AT KAMPUNG BATA, 18 MILES FROM HERE, LAST NIGHT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID PAS, AS A PARTY BASED ON ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES, SHOULD NOT HAVE USED KORANIC VERSES IN SUCH A WAY.

THE PARTY, HE SAID, WAS NOW IN A STATE OF CONFUSION AND ITS LEADERS WERE RESORTING TO WHATEVER MEANS TO WIN SEATS IN THE ELECTION.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER IS STANDING IN THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY OF KUBANG PASU WHERE HE IS OPPOSED BY ENCIK WALIM ARSHAD OF PAS. — BERNAMA MORE 1044/A1

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HE REMINDED THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY UMNO MEMBERS, THAT PAS SINCE IT LEFT THE BARISAN NASIONAL NOW HATED UMNO.

PAS LEADERS WERE ADOPTING VARIOUS TACTICS TO DESTROY UMNO AND THE MALAYS WHO WERE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WARNED THAT IF THE MALAYS WERE NOT SOLIDLY UNITED, THE DOOR WOULD BE OPENED FOR COMMUNIST ELEMENTS TO INFILTRATE.

IF THIS HAPPENED, THE PAS LEADERS OUGHT TO BE BLAMED AS THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WANTED THE MALAYS TO DISUNITE.

HE ALSO REMINDED THAT IF SUCH A SITUATION AROSE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

DEVELOPMENT COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED WHEN THERE WAS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY AND IF THE PEOPLE LIVED IN PEACE AND HARMONY.

HE SAID IT WAS THE POLICY AND OBJECTIVE OF EVERY COMPONENT PARTY OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL TO IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE MATERIAL AND SPIRITUAL BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE.

HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD GIVE THE BARISAN NASIONAL ANOTHER MANDATE IN THE CURRENT ELECTION. — BERNAMA 1047/A1