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BACHOK, JUNE 28<sup>A</sup> (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT UNITY GAVE STRENGTH TO THE WEAK BUT DID NOT WEAKEN THE STRONG.

THE GOVERNMENT, REALISING THIS, STROVE TO UNITE THE MULTI-RACIAL PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY, HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE TOWN HALL HERE.

HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO POLITICAL MOTIVE BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS AT UNITING THE PEOPLE.

+WE WANT OUR PEOPLE TO BE OF THE SAME STANDING AS OTHER PEOPLE AND THIS CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED THROUGH UNITY+, SAID DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ON A ONE-DAY VISIT TO KELANTAN WITH HIS WIFE. —BERNAMA

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HE WARNED THERE WAS A CERTAIN GROUP OUT TO DESTROY THE PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL ENDS.

THE PEOPLE MUST NOT BE SWAYED BY THIS GROUP BUT SHOULD REMAIN UNITED.

STATES IN THE COUNTRY MUST UNITE THROUGH ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF FEDERATION TO ENABLE EVERYONE TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS TOGETHER, HE ADDED.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT TO SEE STATE GOVERNMENTS SEPARATED FROM IT AS A RESULT OF THE ACTIONS OF SELF-INTERESTED GROUPS AS HAD OCCURRED BEFORE MERDEKA WHEN THE STATES WERE GROUPED INTO FEDERATED MALAY STATES, UNFEDERATED MALAY STATES AND STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

WITH FEDERATION, STATES THAT WERE RICH COULD CHANNEL ASSISTANCE TO THE POORER STATES WITHOUT AFFECTING THEIR OWN WEALTH AND AT THE SAME TIME HELD TO DEVELOP THE POORER STATES. —BERNAMA MORE 1753/BY

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+IF WE ALLOW DISUNITY TO HAPPEN, WE OURSELVES WILL HAVE TO BEAR THE CONSEQUENCES,+ DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ADDED.

EARLIER, OPENING THE SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN KEDAI LALAT NEAR HERE, HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT SPENT MORE THAN \$72 MILLION YEARLY ON THE SALARIES OF TEACHERS IN KELANTAN.

THIS EVENING, HE OPENED THE MASJID LATI IN PASIR MAS. —BERNAMA 1800/BY