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KOTA BHARU, JUNE 28¹ (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD'S BOOK 'THE MALAY DILEMMA', BANNED IN MALAYSIA, HAS ENTERED IN ITS FOURTH PRINTING IN SINGAPORE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ADMITTED TODAY THAT HE HAD GIVEN PERMISSION TO A PRINTER IN THE REPUBLIC TO RE-PRINT THE BOOK. HE HAD ALSO RECEIVED ROYALTY PAYMENTS.

+AS THE BOOK IS NOT BANNED IN SINGAPORE, IS IT WRONG FOR E TO RECEIVE ROYALTY PAYMENTS FOR THE WORK WHICH I AUTHORED+? HE ASKED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE BOOK RAISED BY PAS PRESIDENT DATUK MOHAMED ASRI MUDA.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL FOR A ONE-DAY VISIT TO KELANTAN, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID IT WAS ALSO TRUE THAT THE SECOND MALAYSIA PLAN HAD NOT ACHIEVED 100 PER CENT SUCCESS AS POINTED OUT BY DATUK ASRI. —BERNAMA MORE 1816/BY

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HE SAID IT WAS UNLKELY THAT 100 PER CENT SUCCESS COULD BE ACHIEGED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF WHATEVER PROJECT OR SCHEME. HOWEVER, THE SUCCESS OF THE SECOND MALAYSIA PLAN WAS FAR GREATER THAT WHAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED BY PAS DURING THE 19 YEARS IT WAS IN POWER IN KELANTAN.

ON DATUK ASRI'S CHALLENGE THAT THE BAN ON PUBLIC RALLIES BE RELAXED FOR FOUR HOURS AND THE BAN ON THE BOOK BE LIFTED FOR A WHILE TO ALLOW OPEN DEBATE ON IT, HE SAID THE PAS LEADER HAD NO RESPECT FOR THE LAW OR ELSE HE WOULD NOT HAVE MADE SUCH A CHALLENGE.

HE ADDED THAT DATUK ASRI REGARDED THE BARISAN NASIONAL AS +HARAM+ BEFORE PAS JOINED THE FRONT.

WHEN PAS BECAME A COMPONENT MEMBER OF THE BARISAN, DATUK ASRI CONSIDERED THE FRONT AS +HALAL+ AND NOW THAT PAS WAS NO LONGER A MEMBER, HE AGAIN REGARDED THE FRONT AS +HARAM+. —BERNAMA MORE 1820/BY

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ON DATUK ASRI'S QUESTION AS TO WHY HE HAD NOT MADE ANY COMMENTS OR ATTACK ON FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD, A SELF-CONFESSED COMMUNIST, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN THE FACE OF A CERTAIN ISSUE, IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR THE ENTIRE CABINET TO MAKE COMMENTS.

IN THE CASE OF DATUK ABDULLAH, THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS HAD ALREADY MADE ALL THE COMMENTS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT DURING THE PERIOD AFTER PAS LEFT THE BARISAN NASIONAL, THE MALAYS WERE UNITED.

HOWEVER, NOW THAT PAS WAS RAISING CERTAIN ISSUES IN THE ELECTION, MALAY UNITY WAS BEING THREATENED.

ONE SUCH ISSUE WAS THAT IT WAS +HARAM+ FOR PAS MEMBERS TO MARRY ANYONE FROM UMNO. —BERNAMA 1823/BY