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SUNGAI SIPUT, JULY 3 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS REMINDED VOTERS TO PLACE IMPORTANCE ON THE GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION RATHER THAN ON CANDIDATES. THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ASKED THE PEOPLE TO VOTE FOR THE BARISAN NASIONAL AND NOT BE TOO CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMMUNITY TO WHICH ITS CANDIDATES BELONGED.

HE WAS ADDRESSING MORE THAN 1,000 PEOPLE AT A MEETING HERE THIS EVENING.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE GENERAL ELECTION WAS BEING HELD FOR THE FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT AND NOT SOLELY TO ELECT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL AND PREVIOUSLY THE ALLIANCE WERE FORMED WITH THE AWARENESS THAT SOLIDARITY WAS IMPORTANT IN A MULTI-RACIAL COUNTRY LIKE MALAYSIA. -- BERNAMA MORE 2053/ZCM

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER URGED THE PEOPLE TO BE WARY OF CERTAIN GROUPS WHO MIGHT MAKE USE OF COMMUNAL ISSUES TO OBTAIN THEIR SUPPORT.

HE SAID CERTAIN GROUPS MADE VARIOUS PLEDGES TO WIN VOTES BUT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FULFIL THE PLEDGES WHEN THEY WON.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR CLAIMED THAT PAS AND DAP WOULD ONLY FIGHT WITH ONE ANOTHER IF BOTH PARTIES TOGETHER WON SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF SEATS TO FORM THE GOVERNMENT.

HE REFERRED TO TRENGGANU AND SAID THAT A POWER STRUGGLE HAD ENSUED AMONG PAS MEMBERS AFTER THE PARTY HAD MANAGED TO FORM THE GOVERNMENT IN THAT STATE.

THE THREE BN CANDIDATES - ENCIK S. SAMYVELU (SUNGAI SIPUT PARLIAMENTARY), DR. LIM KENG YAIK (JALONG STATE) AND ENCIK BASHIR BIN HAJI BAHARI (LINTANG STATE - UNOPPOSED) WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING. - BERNAMA 2100/HS.