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TAPAH, JULY 4 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD REMINDED THE PEOPLE THAT VOTERS TO THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WERE +FUTILE+ AS THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO HELP THEM.

HE SAID THOSE WHO VOTED FOR OPPOSITION CANDIDATES IN THE COMING ELECTION WOULD RECEIVE THE SAME RATE AS THAT OF THE KELANTAN PEOPLE DURING PAS RULE.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN BY THEIR PROMISES OR ACT EMOTIONALLY TO GIVE THEM THEIR SUPPORT, HE TOLD ABOUT 1,000 BARISAN NASIONAL WORKERS AND SUPPORTERS, AT THE DEWAN MERDEKA HERE, LAST NIGHT.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE 19 YEARS OF PAS RULE DID NOT BRING ANY PROGRESS TO KELANTAN AND EVENTUALLY THE PEOPLE REJECTED THE PARTY IN FAVOUR OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL WHICH WAS CAPABLE OF GIVING THEM THE DEVELOPMENT THEY WANTED.

HE SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL WOULD ACT MORE EFFECTIVELY IF GIVEN A FRESH MANDATE AND THE SUFFICIENT MAJORITY TO FORM THE NEXT GOVERNMENT.

ONLY THE BARISAN NASIONAL COULD IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS EFFICIENTLY FOR THE BENEFITS OF THE PEOPLE AND AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAIN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY AND PEACE FOR THE NATION.
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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL WOULD ACHIEVE OUTSTANDING VICTORY IN THE ELECTION AS THE PEOPLE HAD REALISED THAT ONLY THE PARTY COULD PROVIDE THEM THE SERVICE.

HE REGRETTED THAT PAS AND THE DAP CONTINUED TO HARP ON SENSITIVE ISSUES TO CREATE ANGER AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT THUS GETTING THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT TO WIN THE ELECTION.

HE SAID PAS HAD +POISONED+ THE MINDS OF THE MALAYS WHILE THE DAP HAD INCITED THE CHINESE COMMUNITY TO HATE THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTION.

PAS WAS ALSO USING ISLAM TO FISH FOR VOTES BUT THIS HAD IN FACT ERODED THE IMAGE OF ISLAM AMONG THE NON MUSLIM COMMUNITIES.

THE DAP LEADERS, HE ADDED, WERE +DREAMING+ OF ACHIEVING POWER AS IF MALAYSIA HAD A PEOPLE OF ONE COMMUNITY ONLY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO CRITICISED CERTAIN FOREIGN NEWS-PAPER AND MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENTS WHO CONTINUED TO POTRAY THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT WAS A +BAD GOVERNMENT.+

HE SAID THEIR ACTION WAS SOLELY TO CREATE AN UNDESIRABLE INCIDENT AS WHAT HAD HAPPENED IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES WHEN THE PEOPLE, INSPIRED BY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS OPPOSED THEIR GOVERNMENTS BY FORCE. — BERNAMA 1335/SZ