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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 6 (BERNAMA) - DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID
BASED ON THE OPPOSITION'S OWN CALCULATIONS, THE BARISAN NASIONAL
WOULD SECURE A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN THE NEW PARLIAMENT.

HE SAID PAS HAD STATED THAT IT COULD WIN 15 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS
WHILE THE DAP WAS CONFIDENT THAT IT COULD CAPTURE 30 SEATS.

IF PEKEMAS' CLAIM THAT IT COULD WIN THREE SEATS MATERIALISED,
THE OPPOSITION WOULD ONLY GET 48 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS, WHICH WAS
LESS THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE TOTAL SEATS (154).

+SO WHAT IS ALL THIS TALK ABOUT TRYING TO DEPRIVE US OF THE
TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT?+ HE ASKED.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING TO FOREIGN AND LOCAL
PRESSMEN AT THE BARISAN NASIONAL HEADQUARTERS HERE TODAY.

HE SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL WAS A VERY PRACTICAL PARTY AND
+WE DONT EXPECT TO WIN ALL THE SEATS WE CONTEST.+

+THIS IS DEMOCRACY, HE ADDED. — BERNAMA MORE 1835/1B

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TO A QUESTION DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE OPPOSITION
IN THIS COUNTRY CHOSE TO PLAY COMMUNAL POLITICS AND +THEY OPPOSE
JUST FOR THE SAKE OF OPPOSING.+

HE SAID MOST OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY THE OPPOSITION WERE
COMMUNAL.

+THEY ONLY VIEW THINGS THROUGH PARTY INTEREST AND NOT NATIONAL
INTERESTS,+ HE ADDED.

FOR EXAMPWE, THE DAP HAD ACCUSED MCA OF NEGLECTING THE CHINESE
INTERESTS WHILE PAS ACCUSED UMNO OF NEGLECTING MALAY INTERESTS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE OPPOSITION ALSO DID NOT SUPPORT
THE GOVERNMENT'S INVESTMENT POLICY TO CREATE MORE JOB OPPORTUNITIES
BUT IF THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WNZ UP THEY WOULD SHOUT AT THE TOP
OF THEIR VOICES AND MAKE IT AN ISSUE. — BERNAMA MORE 1842/1B