

MAHATHIR-RADIO

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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 6 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT THAT THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WERE MAKING PROMISES AS IF THEY WOULD FORM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHEN IN FACT THE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES THEY WERE FIELDING WOULD ONLY MAKE UP AN OPPOSITION.

ON THE OTHER HAND, BARISAN NASIONAL WAS FIELDING AN ADEQUATE NUMBER OF CANDIDATES TO FORM A GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS AN UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, WAS SPEAKING OVER RADIO IN THE SERIES OF SPEECHES BY POLITICAL LEADERS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE DAP HAD PROMISED TO WIPE OUT CORRUPTION AMONG GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND IT HAD ALLEGED THAT DURING THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT'S TERM, \$9 MILLION WAS LOST AS A RESULT OF CORRUPTION. — BERNAMA MORE 2209/A1

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID CORRUPTION CASES IN THE COUNTRY HAD DECLINED BUT THIS WAS NOT THE RESULT OF OPPOSITION'S STRUGGLE BUT OF EFFORTS BY THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT.

ON PAS, HE SAID THE PARTY WAS PLEDGING TO SET UP A WELFARE STATE IN KELANTAN BUT IT NEVER MAKE ANY ATTEMPT TO DO IT WHEN IT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO RULE THE STATE FOR 19 YEARS.

ITS EXCUSE WAS THAT THE PARTY WAS NOT IN POWER AT FEDERAL LEVEL.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID PAS LEADERS ONLY WORK FOR THEIR OWN INTEREST WHEN THEY WERE IN POWER IN KELANTAN — LEADERS WHO WERE SINCERE WERE EXPELLED FROM THE PARTY.

AS A RESULT, THERE WAS NO PROGRESS IN THE STATE AND MANY OF ITS YOUTHS HAD TO MIGRATE TO OTHER STATES FOR EMPLOYMENT.

+NOW THEY ARE MAKING ALL SORTS OF PROMISES WHICH THEY THEMSELVES KNOW THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DESCRIBED PAS AS A +DOUBLE STANDARD+ PARTY AS AT ONE TIME IT CONSIDERED CERTAIN THINGS +HARAM+ WHILE AT OTHER TIME CONSIDERED IT +HALAL+. — BERNAMA MORE 2225/A1

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE UMNO-MCA-MIC COOPERATION WAS CRITICISED BUT ONCE PAS WAS IN BARISAN NASIONAL IT ACTED IN UNISON WITH THE OTHER COMPONENT PARTIES.

HOWEVER, WHEN IT LEFT THE BN IT BEGAN LAUNCHING ITS CRITICISMS AGAIN, HE SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME, PAS ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DAP AND HELPED DAP CANDIDATES TO TRY TO DEFEAT THOSE BARISAN NASIONAL CANDIDATES WHO WERE FROM UMNO, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SPOKE OF THOSE WHO WERE ATTRACTED TO POLITICS AS A PROFESSION BECAUSE WINNING AN ELECTION WOULD BRING POSITION AND INCOME.

SOME OF THESE PEOPLE, HE SAID, WERE IRRESPONSIBLE AND WOULD DO ANYTHING TO WIN, INCLUDING USING RELIGION. — BERNAMA MORE 2228/A1

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HE SAID THAT BEFORE PAS' ENTRY INTO THE BN, THE KAMPUNG COMMUNITY WAS DIVIDED AS A RESULT OF RELIGIOUS ABUSE.

BUT, THE SITUATION IMPROVED WHEN PAS JOINED THE BN.

NOW, WITH PAS OUT OF THE BN THE SITUATION IN KAMPUNGS WAS TENSE AGAIN BECAUSE PAS HAD ONCE MORE RESORTED TO USING ITS OLD TACTICS, HE ADDED.

+THIS IS THE EFFECT CAUSED BY IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE TAKING PART IN LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC POLITICS.

+BECAUSE OF THEIR AMBITION FOR STATUS, MORE MONEY AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ABUSING GOVERNMENTAL POWER, SOCIETY IS MADE THE VICTIM AND RELIGION IS THREATENED.+ — BERNAMA 2231/A1