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IPOH, JULY 11 (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) HAS WARNED THE SUCCESSFUL BARISAN NASIONAL CANDIDATES THAT STERN ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN AGAINST THEM IF THEY DEVIATED OR DAMAGED THE PARTY'S IMAGE.

HE SAID THE PARTY LEADERSHIP WAS DETERMINED TO WEED OUT ALL FORMS OF DEVIATIONS FROM COMPONENT PARTIES.

SPEAKING AT A MEETING WITH BN ELECTION WORKERS HERE TODAY, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE BN LEADERSHIP WOULD ENSURE THAT NOTHING UNDESIRABLE WOULD OCCUR AMONG ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR THOSE WHO THINK THAT THEY COULD ABUSE THEIR POSITION OR TRY TO WEAKEN THE PARTY.

ALL THE CANDIDATES HAD TO OBSERVE THE PARTY REGULATIONS.

— BERNAMA MORE 1546/LK

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT THE PARTY WOULD LOOK INTO THE INCIDENTS WHERE THE LEADERS AND MEMBERS HAD NOT GIVEN THEIR SUPPORT TO CHOSEN CANDIDATES WHO THEY THOUGHT WERE NOT TO THEIR LIKING.

HE WAS HOWEVER HAPPY THAT ONE WEEK AFTER NOMINATION DAY, ALL THE LEADERS AND MEMBERS HAD SUPPORTED THE BN CANDIDATES ALTHOUGH THERE WAS INITIALLY SOME OPPOSITION TO THE CHOICE OF CANDIDATES.

ON THE ATTITUDE OF CERTAIN UMNO DIVISIONS THAT DID NOT PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT SUCH ATTITUDE SHOULD BE DISCARDED BECAUSE THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THIS YOUNGER GENERATION AND UMNO SHOULD OPEN ITS DOOR TO THEM.

UMNO SHOULD HAVE — NEW BLOOD TO IMPROVE THE PARTY AS WELL AS THE NATION.

HE ALSO REMINDED THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES THAT THEIR VICTORY HAD BEEN DUE TO THE PARTY AND WAS NOT ACHIEVED BY THEMSELVES.

— BERNAMA MORE 1550/LK

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER THANKED THE BARISAN NASIONAL LEADERS AND WORKERS FOR THEIR HARD WORK TO ENSURE THE PARTY'S VICTORY.

HE ALSO THANKED THE FORMER UMNO LEADERS WHO PLAYED THEIR PART IN HELPING THE PARTY'S CANDIDATES IN THE ELECTION.

EARLIER, PERAK MENTERI BESAR WAN MOHAMED HAJI WAN TEH DESCRIBED THE PARTY'S OVERHELMING VICTORY IN PERAK AS A GIFT TO DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS THE UMNO LIAISON CHIEF OF PERAK.

HE ALSO THANKED THE PARTY'S LEADERS AND ELECTION WORKERS FOR HELPING TO ENSURE THE PARTY'S SUCCESS.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE GATHERING WERE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, DATUK SERI KAMARUDDIN MAT ISA, AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOUSING AND VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT, DATUK HAJI RAMLI OMAR.

— BERNAMA 1552/LK