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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 5 (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS REVEALED THAT THERE ARE TWO GROUPS OUT TO SPLIT THE MALAYS TO WREST POWER WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID TODAY THE TWO GROUPS — SOCIALIST /COMMUNISTS AND RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNISTS — WERE EXPLOITING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AS WELL AS DEVIATE RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS IN THEIR EFFORTS TO POISON THE MINDS OF THE MALAYS.

SPEAKING AT THE JOINT OPENING OF THE UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA GENERAL ASSEMBLIES AT DEWAN BAHASA AND PUSTAKA HERE, HE SAID THE OBJECTIVE OF THE SOCIALIST GROUP WAS TO CAUSE A GENERAL STRIKE IN THE COUNTRY TO BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT.

IN THIS WAY THE +SOCIALIST LEADERS+ HOPED TO GAIN POWER WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS.

THE RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNISTS HAD THE SAME GOAL WHICH THEY SOUGHT TO REALISE BY DISTORTING ISLAMIC TEACHINGS TO CONFUSE THE PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO'S DEPUTY PRESIDENT, SAID IT WAS SADDENING THAT A SMALL NUMBER OF UMNO MEMBERS THEMSELVES HAD BEEN TAKEN IN BY THE DECEPTIONS OF THIS GROUP AND +IN THIS RESPECT, UMNO'S STRUGGLE FOR THE MALAYS AND RELIGION IS BEING CHALLENGED AND THREATENED.+ — BERNAMA MORE 1002/YF

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HE SAID THE FACT THAT THIS COULD HAPPEN WAS BECAUSE OF THE +ARROGANCE OF POWER+ AMONG CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE MALAYS WHO HAD FORGOTTEN THEMSELVES.

THESE PEOPLE FELT THAT THEY NEEDED TO CLAIM FOR MORE THAN WHAT WAS AVAILABLE WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT POWER COULD BE LOST IF NOT WELL TAKEN CARE OF.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THERE WERE ALSO CERTAIN GROUPS OF MALAYS WHO WERE OUT TO DIVIDE THE MALAY COMMUNITY TO CREATE FACTIONS.

WHEN SUCH FACTIONS WERE CREATED, THESE PEOPLE WOULD CONCENTRATE ON SPLITTING THOSE MALAYS WHO WERE STILL UNITED, NOT CARING WHAT ADVERSE EFFECTS THEIR ACTIVITIES MIGHT HAVE ON THE MALAYS, THEIR RELIGION AND THE NATION.

HE SAID THESE GROUPS EXPLOITED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS TO HIT OUT AT WHAT THEY CALLED +SOCIAL INJUSTICE.+ — BERNAMA MORE 1004/YF

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TO THEM A HAPPY SOCIETY WAS ONE IN WHICH INCOME WAS EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED — A VIEW WHICH DID NOT DIFFER FROM THAT HELD BY THE COMMUNISTS.

HE SAID THAT IMBUED WITH THIS VALUE BY THE SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS, THESE PEOPLE GOT TAKEN IN, WITHOUT CARRYING OUT ANY STUDY AND REFUSING TO ACCEPT THE FACT WHICH CLEARLY SHOWED THAT UNDER THE SOCIALIST SYSTEM THE PEOPLE BECAME POOR AND WERE MADE SLAVES TO A FEW LEADERS WHO LIVED IN LUXURY.

THE EFFECT OF THE CAMPAIGN CARRIED OUT BY THE SOCIALIST GROUP ON THE MALAY COMMUNITY, WHICH WAS JUST DEVELOPING, WAS HINDRANCE TO PROGRESS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE SOCIALIST/COMMUNIST GROUP HAD DIVERTED THE ATTENTION OF MALAY STUDENTS FROM THEIR STUDIES BY INSTIGATING THEM TO TAKE VARIOUS ACTIONS.

AS A RESULT, THESE STUDENTS DROPPED OUT AND WERE UNABLE TO SURMOUNT THEIR OWN WEAKNESSES. — BERNAMA MORE 1007/YF

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THE MALAYS WOULD REMAIN BACKWARD AND THIS WOULD PAVE THE WAY FOR THE COMMUNIST AND SOCIALIST GROUP TO EXPLOIT THEM.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE SOCIALIST INTELLECTUALS AND STUDENTS SOUGHT TO INFLUENCE WORKERS AND TRADE UNIONS TO BE UNINTERESTED IN THEIR WORK.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE SOCIALIST GROUP ENCOURAGED THE MALAYS NOT TO WORK HARD AND INSTEAD USE THEIR ENERGIES TO UNDERMINE INDUSTRIES WHICH HAD GIVEN THEM EMPLOYMENT.

HE SAID MANY MALAYS WERE TAKEN IN AND DID NOT STOP TO QUESTION THE MOTIVES OF THESE PEOPLE WHO CLAIMED TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO THEM.

HE SAID MALAY WORKERS WERE EASILY LURED BY OFFERS OF HIGHER INCOME AND SUCCUMBED TO THREATS. — BERNAMA MORE 1012/YF

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THEY WOULD FOLLOW THE DICTATES OF THESE PEOPLE AND AS A RESULT THE MALAYS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO INCREASE THEIR EFFICIENCY.

INSTEAD, THEY WOULD ONLY BE REGARDED AS TROUBLE-MAKERS AND LAZY PEOPLE WHO WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR EMPLOYERS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT AT ONE TIME QUITE A NUMBER OF MALAY YOUTHS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, TRIED TO PRACTISE SOCIALIST METHODS.

THESE STUDENTS DID NOT STUDY BUT INSTEAD ATTEMPTED TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES BY CREATING DISORDER.

THEY INSTIGATED THE PEOPLE IN THE KAMPUNGS AND FACTORY WORKERS TO TAKE TO DEMONSTRATIONS AS AN EASY MEANS TO GET THE THINGS THEY WANTED. — BERNAMA MORE 1014/YF

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THE PRO-SOCIALIST STUDENTS ALSO EXPLOITED EMOTIONS TO BRING WORKERS UNDER THEIR INFLUENCE.

HE SAID THAT WHENEVER STRIKES AND FEELINGS OF DISSATISFACTION OCCURRED AMONG FACTORY AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL WORKERS, THE SOCIALIST ELEMENTS WOULD EMERGE TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION.

THESE ELEMENTS WOULD PROVIDE MORAL SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PURPORTEDLY TO EXPRESS THEIR SYMPATHY TO THE SUFFERINGS OF THE LABOUR GROUP. 187

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN REALITY THE OBJECTIVE OF THESE ELEMENTS WAS TO ACQUIRE INFLUENCE SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD BE IN AWE OF THEM AND BOW TO THEIR WISHES.

THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THIS PRO-SOCIALIST GROUP WAS TO CAUSE A GENERAL STRIKE TO BRING DOWN THE GOVERNMENT.

IN THIS WAY THEY HOPED TO WREST POWER WITHOUT GOING THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. — BERNAMA 1019/YF