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KUCHING SEPT. 6 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS REITERATED HIS CALL TO BUMIPUTRAS TO MAINTAIN THEIR SOLIDARITY TO BUILD UP A STRONG COMMUNITY CAPABLE OF FACING ALL CHALLENGES.

HE SAID THAT THOUGH BUMIPUTRAS HAD BEGUN TO ENJOY SUCCESS, AS A GROUP THEY WERE STILL WEAK IN CERTAIN AREAS.

SPEAKING AT A HARI RAYA GATHERING ORGANISED BY THE PEOPLE OF KAMPUNG GERISIK NEAR HERE LAST NIGHT, HE SAID THAT THERE WERE SOME QUARTERS THAT DID NOT LIKE TO SEE BUMIPUTRAS MAINTAINING THEIR SOLIDARITY.

ON THE COMING SARAWAK STATE ELECTIONS, HE SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD ELECT A GOVERNMENT THAT WOULD REALLY WORK FOR THEIR INTERESTS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID BUMIPUTRAS IN SARAWAK NEED NOT SET UP OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES BECAUSE THIS ONLY DIVIDE THEM.

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THERE WAS NO PARTY OTHER THAN THE BARISAN NASIONAL THAT COULD FORM AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT IN THE STATE HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE OPPOSITION PARTIES ONLY APPROACHED THE PEOPLE WHENEVER THERE WAS AN ELECTION PENDING AND WOULD DISAPPEAR AFTER THAT.

THIS WAS BECAUSE THEY ONLY STOOD FOR ELECTIONS FOR THEIR OWN GAINS, HE ADDED.

HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO PLACE THEIR TRUST IN THE BARISAN WHICH HAD PROVED ITS ABILITY IN BRINGING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT AND SOLIDARITY AMONG THE PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IT WAS TRUE THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE SOME OPPOSITION BUT THIS WAS ONLY FOR ADVANCED COUNTRIES. MALAYSIA WAS STILL DEVELOPING AND TOO MUCH OPPOSITION WOULD IMPEDE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS. --BERNAMA MORE 1309/MD

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HE SAID THE OPPOSITION WAS +FISHING IN TROUBLED WATERS+ AND IF THE PEOPLE WERE DIVIDED IT WOULD NOT CARE BECAUSE IT WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN PROMOTING ITS OWN ENDS.

SABAH CHIEF MINISTER DATUK HARRIS SALLEH SAID THERE WAS NO REASON FOR HIS BERJAYA PARTY TO SUPPORT PAJAR OR OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES.

HE HOPED THAT THE BN WOULD WIN ALL THE SEATS IN THE ELECTIONS BECAUSE DEVELOPMENT IN SARAWAK WOULD ALSO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE OF SABAH. --BERNAMA 1311/MD