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TELUK ANSON, MAY 1 (BERNAMA)--DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TODAY DESCRIBED MALAYSIA'S POSITION IN THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AS AN +ISLAND OF CALM+ IN A +SEA OF TURBULENCE+.

HE SAID THIS WAS BECAUSE MALAYSIA WAS A NATION OF PEOPLE WHO RESPECTED THE LAW AND CONSTITUTION AND DID NOT ACT OUTSIDE THEM.

+BECAUSE WE ARE SO DISCIPLINED, THE COUNTRY WILL ACHIEVE GREATER SUCCESS AND PROGRESS+, HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE TELUK ANSON UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES' MEETING HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT, SAID THE COUNTRY'S LAWS WERE NOT OPPRESSIVE OTHERWISE THEY WOULD HAVE CAUSED UNREST AND CHAOS IN THE COUNTRY. --BERNAMA MORE 1713/MD

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HE STRESSED THAT A LAW-ABIDING SOCIETY COULD HELP MAINTAIN PEACE IN THE COUNTRY THAT WOULD ENABLE EVERYONE TO PURSUE THEIR CHOICE OF A LIVING.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT UMNO WANTED TO REMAIN IN POWER.

HE SAID THE PARTY NEEDED SINCERE AND TRUSTWORTHY LEADERS TO CARRY OUT ITS POLICIES FORMULATED IN THE INTERESTS OF THE NATION.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE UMNO CONSTITUTION PROVIDED FOR THE SELECTION OF THE PARTY'S LEADERS AND THERE WAS THEREFORE NO REASON FOR MEMBERS TO ACT OUTSIDE THE CONSTITUTION IN ORDER TO GET ELECTED AS LEADERS.

IT WAS PERMISSIBLE FOR THEM TO CAMPAIGN FOR VOTES BUT NOT TO BRIBE OTHERS INTO GIVING THEM THEIR SUPPORT. --BERNAMA MORE 1724/MD

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HE REMINDED UMNO MEMBERS THAT THEY WERE OBLIGED TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDATES ELECTED AS LEADERS OR DIVISIVENESS WOULD RESULT WHICH WOULD BRING DOWN THE PARTY.

HE ALSO HOPED THAT PEOPLE DID NOT JOIN UMNO SOLELY TO BECOME LEADERS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH WERE RECEIVED ON ARRIVAL BY THE HEAD OF THE DIVISION, ENCIK DARUS SAID, AND OTHER PERAK UMNO LEADERS. --BERNAMA 1725/MD