

NO27 (F)  
MAHATHIR-PENGHULU  
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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV. 6<sup>31</sup> (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) HAS REITERATED THE NEED FOR THE MALAYS TO BE UNITED NOT ONLY IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR OWN WELL-BEING BUT ALSO TO HELP UNITE THE PEOPLE OF ALL RACES IN THE COUNTRY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT UNITY AMONG THE MALAYS SHOULD AND COULD BE FURTHER ENHANCED THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF VARIOUS GROUPS, INCLUDING THE PENGHULU.

UNITY AND PEACE IN THE MALAY COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY AT THE MUKIM LEVEL, FORMED THE BASIS OF NATIONAL UNITY, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS OPENING THE 7TH ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING OF THE PENINSULAR MALAYSIA PENGHULU/PENGGAWA ASSOCIATION HERE TODAY.

HE SAID THE INVOLVEMENT OF VILLAGE HEADMEN IN LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES NOT ONLY SERVED TO MOTIVATE BUT ALSO AS A BINDING FACTOR TO ENHANCE UNITY AT THE MUKIM LEVEL.

-- BERNAMA MORE 1250/SZ

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PEACE AND TRANQUILITY WHICH HAD BEEN PREVAILING AMONG THE MALAY COMMUNITY WAS A MATTER TO TAKE PRIDE IN.

THE PRIME MINISTER URGED ALL PENGHULU TO ALWAYS GUARD THE EXISTING UNITY SO THAT IT WOULD NOT BE THREATENED BY ANY POLITICAL PARTY WISHING TO BRING ABOUT A SPLIT AND UNDERMINE PEACE.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WAS PROUD OF THE NATION'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY, PENGHULU MUST NOT FORGET THAT THE COUNTRY WAS ALWAYS THE TARGET OF UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS WANTING TO DIVIDE THE PEOPLE AND CREATE CHAOS.

AS SUCH ALL PENGHULU SHOULD BE THE +EYES AND EARS+ OF THE GOVERNMENT AND BE SENSITIVE TO THE ACTIONS OF THE UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS WHO WERE TRYING TO INFLUENCE, USE AND POISON THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE KAMPUNGS.--BERNAMA MORE 1307/HM

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IF SUCH ACTIVITIES WERE DETECTED AT SOURCE, THIS WOULD FACILITATE THE GOVERNMENT IN CHECKING THEM.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID SO FAR THE GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN ABLE TO THWART THE THREAT OF THE NATION'S ENEMIES THROUGH THE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT OF ALL QUARTERS.

HE SAID THAT THE EXISTING PEACE AND STABILITY MUST BE MAINTAINED AND DEFENDED AT ALL TIMES, FOR IF THE NATION'S SECURITY WAS JEOPARDISED, THE NATION'S DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE AFFECTED.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID PENGHULU AS ADMINISTRATORS AT THE MUKIM LEVEL SHOULD MOULD GOOD BEHAVIOUR AND SHUN MALPRACTICES SUCH AS CORRUPTION.

REMINDING THEM THAT THEY WERE ALWAYS UNDER SCRUTINY BY THEIR COMMUNITY, HE TOLD THEM TO SET GOOD EXAMPLES BY WORKING HARD.

THEY MUST SHOW A DETERMINATION TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS, FOR EVERY SUCCESS ACHIEVED WOULD BE AN INSPIRATION TO THE PEOPLE.

--BERNAMA MORE 1307/HM

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN THE PAST, THE PENGHULU'S ROLE WAS TO PROVIDE +SHELTER +TO THE PEOPLE, TO GIVE ADVICE AND TO ARBITRATE BUT NOW THEIR FUNCTION HAD EXPANDED.

AS A PUBLIC OFFICER KEEPING CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE PEOPLE IN THE KAMPUNGS, PENGHULU THROUGH THEIR INITIATIVE COULD MOTIVATE AND INSPIRE THE PEOPLE IN THE RURAL AREAS TO INCREASE THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THOSE PEOPLE INVOLVED IN BRINGING DEVELOPMENT AND THOSE FOR WHOM DEVELOPMENT WAS TO BE BROUGHT, MUST UNDERSTAND THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

IN THIS WAY, THE DEVELOPMENT ACHIVED WOULD REALLY BE BENEFICIAL.  
--BERNAMA MORE 1345/1B

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DIFFERENT VALUES AND THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC SITUATION OF A COMMUNITY WERE ALSO FACTORS WHICH COULD DETERMINE THE SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF DEVELOPEMENT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID PENGHULU MUST THEREFORE BE CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE UNDER THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION AND ACCODINGLY PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP. -- BERNAMA 1350/1B