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ALOR SETAR, JUNE 12 (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR TODAY REMINDED UMNO YOUTH MEMBERS TO BE AWARE OF THEIR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY AS UMNO'S SECOND ECHELON LEADERSHIP.

THEIR PRESENCE IN UMNO WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE YOUTH WOULD BE THE ONES WHO WOULD TAKE OVER AND CONTINUE WITH THE STRUGGLE WHICH BEGAN SINCE 35 YEARS AGO, HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT WAS OPENING A UMNO YOUTH POLITICAL COURSE AT STADIUM DATUK SYED OMAR HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WANTED UMNO YOUTH TO BECOME A STRONG, STABLE AND SEASONED MOVEMENT TO ENABLE MEMBERS TO TAKE OVER THE PARTY LEADERSHIP WHEN THE TIME CAME.

YOUTH MEMBERS, HE SAID, SHOULD POSSESS A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF POLITICAL INTRICACIES SO THAT THEY COULD BECOME EXPERIENCED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE MOTIVATORS.

—BERNAMA MORE 1542/AH

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THOSE WHO DID NOT EXPERIENCE POLITICAL STRUGGLES WOULD ONLY BRING UNPLEASANT RESULTS TO THE COUNTRY.

“WE NEED PEOPLE WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE BECAUSE KNOWLEDGE IS IMPORTANT IN ANY STRUGGLE,” HE ADDED.

HE URGED THE UMNO YOUTH MEMBERS TO EQUIP THEMSELVES WITH KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE TO ENSURE THAT UMNO REMAINS THE POLITICAL BACKBONE OF THE COUNTRY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM SHOULD BE MAINTAINED BY EVERY INDIVIDUAL WHO WANTED PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM WHICH WAS BEING PRACTISED BY THE GOVERNMENT SINCE 24 YEARS AGO HAD GAINED THE SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE OF DIFFERENT RACES. —BERNAMA MORE 1545/AH

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER REMINDED POLITICIANS AND PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE PRESENT SYSTEM TO TRY AND CHANGE IT THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNEL — WHICH WAS THE GENERAL ELECTION.

HE SAID THERE WAS A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE OUTSIDE UMNO WHO SPOKE OF A REVOLUTION AS A WAY TO CHANGE THE PRESENT SYSTEM AND POLICY TO PLACE THEMSELVES AS LEADERS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID REVOLUTIONS WOULD ONLY RESULT IN CHAOS AND DISUNITY AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD SURELY NOT ENJOY A PEACEFUL LIFE.

REVOLUTIONARY LEADERS WOULD ALSO NOT REMAIN FOR LONG BECAUSE A REVOLUTION WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER REVOLUTION AND WOULD THEREFORE BE NO PEACE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR URGED UMNO YOUTH MEMBERS TO PLAY THEIR ROLE TO DEFEND THE PRESENT SYSTEM BECAUSE THEY WERE THE ONES WHO WOULD SHOULDER THE RESPONSIBILITIES IN FUTURE. —BERNAMA 1549/AH