

UMNO - MAHATHIR 'R'R'R
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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 25⁸¹ (BERNAMA) - DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD OPENED THE UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA ASSEMBLIES HERE TODAY WITH A REMINDER TO THE MALAYS — DON'T DEPEND ON OTHERS IN WORKING TOWARDS PROGRESS, ELSE YOU WILL GO BACK TO THE PRE-MERDEKA POSITION.

HE SAID THE ATTITUDE OF DEPENDING ON OTHERS FOR PROGRESS, A CHARACTERISTIC OF THE MALAYS DURING THE COLONIAL DAYS, WAS NO LONGER SUITABLE AND YET SOME MALAYS WERE STILL ADOPTING IT.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT INDEPENDENCE HAD ENABLED THE MALAYS TO REDEEM THEIR POLITICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE POWERS AND UNDERTAKE THE DEFENCE OF THE COUNTRY.

HOWEVER, IN FIELDS WHICH REQUIRED SKILL AND HARD WORK THEY WERE STILL FAR BEHIND.

+WE STILL DEPEND ON OTHERS NOT ONLY IN THE FIELDS THAT CALL FOR SKILL AND EFFICIENCY BUT ALSO IN THE FIELDS WHICH REQUIRE HEAVY WORK OR INVOLVE A BIT OF INCONVENIENCE,+ HE ADDED.

- BERNAMA MORE 0940/BW

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THIS SITUATION WAS MADE WORSE BY CERTAIN GROUPS, INCLUDING FROM THE MALAY COMMUNITY, WHO PURPOSELY SPREAD PROPAGANDA TO WEAKEN THEIR OWN RACE.

HE SAID THE MALAYS WOULD BE HEAD ING FOR DESTRUCTION IF THEY BECAME PROUD AND ARROGANT BECAUSE OF THEIR POWER CEASED TO PURSUE KNOWLEDGE BECAUSE THEY COULD MAKE USE OF OTHER PEOPLE'S KNOWLEDGE AND REFUSED TO TAKE UP ARMS TO DEFEND THE NATION.

THE INITIAL SIGNS OF SUCH VALUES AMONG THE MALAYS WERE ALREADY BEG INNING TO BE SEEN, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT, SAID WHAT WAS NEEDED OF THE MALAYS NOW WAS A RE-ASSIMILATION OF AN ATTITUDE AND A SYSTEM OF HIGH VALUES THAT WERE SEGREGATED FROM THEM BY THE COLONIALISTS.

HE REGRETTED THAT THOUGH THE EFFORTS OF UMNO AND ITS PARTNERS IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL SO FAR HAD IN SOME WAYS IMPROVED THE POSITION OF THE MALAYS, THERE WERE STILL SOME -AMONG THEM WHO SOUGHT THE EASY WAY TO ATTAIN CERTAIN ACHIEVEMENTS AS HAD BEEN DONE IN THE DAYS OF THEIR FOREFATHERS, -

BERNAMA MORE 1039/AH

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AS A RESULT OF SUCH ATTITUDES, PROGRAMMES CARRIED OUT BY THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT ACHIEVE THE DESIRED OBJECTIVES.

HE SAID THE PERSEVERENCE OF THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED BY THE LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND ENERGY TO RESTRUCTURE SOCIETY SHOULD LONG HAVE PRODUCED RESULTS.

ALL THE NECESSARY STEPS HAD BEEN TAKEN - LEGISLATION, ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY AND FINANCIAL ALLOCATIONS - ALL HAD BEEN PREPARED SO THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE WERE NOT AFFECTED.

IF THE GOVERNMENT HAD THE POWER TO OVERCOME ALL THE PROBLEMS, MALAYSIA WOULD NO LONGER HAVE ANY PROBLEM TODAY, HE SAID.

BY NOW, 50 PER CENT OF THE POVERTY RATE EXISTING IN 1970 SHOULD HAVE BEEN ERADICATED AND THE PLURAL SOCIETY OF THE COUNTRY NO LONGER DIVIDED ACCORDING TO RACE AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES, HE ADDED. —BERNAMA MORE 1043/AH

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID NO COUNTRY - DEVELOPING OR DEVELOPED - HAD EVER ATTEMPTED A PROGRAMME WHICH WAS SO RADICAL TO RESTRUCTURE SOCIETY AS ENVISAGED IN THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY.

MALAYSIA HAD DEMONSTRATED A SYSTEMATIC REVOLUTION TO CHANGE A BACKWARD RACE TO A PROGRESSIVE AND ORGANISED ONE, ABLE TO DEFEND THE OLD VALUES WHICH WERE GOOD AND ABSORB NEW VALUES WHICH WERE NECESSARY.

THIS HAD BEEN ACHIEVED ALTHOUGH SOME PEOPLE FEEL THAT IT COULD ONLY BE DONE THROUGH ARMED REVOLUTION. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO PROGRESS FURTHER EVERY SECTOR SHOULD PLAY THEIR ROLE IN AN EFFECTIVE MANNER AND AMONG THEM WHO SHOULD PLAY A MAJOR ROLE WERE POLITICAL PARTIES WHICH FORMED THE BACKBONE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

HE REMINDED THE PEOPLE THAT THE NEP WAS NOT MEANT TO PROVIDE WEALTH AND PROPERTY TO THE BUMIPUTRAS ONLY. —

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IT WAS THE OBJECTIVE OF THE NEP TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO THE BUMIPUTRAS TO VENTURE IN ALL FIELDS IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THEY REQUIRED LIGHT OR HEAVY WORK OR PROVIDED HIGH OR LOW RETURNS.

HE SAID ALL SECTORS SHOULD HAVE EFFECTIVE BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT ONLY THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION COULD THE MALAYS FREE THEMSELVES FROM BEING DEPENDENT ON OTHERS FOR SKILLED, EFFICIENT AND PRODUCTIVE JOBS. IN THIS RESPECT, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR CRITICISED

CERTAIN GROUPS WHICH WERE TRYING TO WEAKEN THE SPIRITS OF THE MALAYS. —BERNAMA MORE 1050/AH

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THERE WERE SOME MALAYS WHO ADVOCATED THAT EDUCATION, APART FROM RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS, WAS SECULAR.

THEY WHO MADE SUCH ALLEGATIONS HAD USED LOUDSPEAKERS, TRAVELLED BY CARS AND PLANES WHICH WERE THE PRODUCTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

HE SAID THERE WERE OTHERS WHO WERE RELUCTANT TO ENGAGE IN HEAVY WORK ALTHOUGH SUCH JOBS BROUGHT HIGH RETURNS. THESE PEOPLE FELT THAT SUCH HEAVY WORK SHOULD ONLY BE DONE BY OTHERS AND THEY NEED NOT JOIN IN APART FROM ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF OTHERS' SUCCESS.

EVEN IF THEY ACCEPTED SUCH JOBS, THEY REFUSED TO WORK HARD, CLAIMING THAT BY DOING SO THEY WOULD BECOME THE SLAVES OF THE MANAGEMENT. —BERNAMA MORE 1053/AH

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+ THAT OTHER PEOPLE WANT US TO BE LAZY AND IN EFFICIENT SO THAT WE WILL BE DEPENDENT ON THEM ALL THE TIME DID NOT CROSS THE MINDS OF THESE GROUPS, + HE SAID.

IN ADDITION, THERE WERE THOSE WITH THE IDEA THAT DOING BUSINESS TO ATTAIN WEALTH WAS MATERIALISTIC AND AS SUCH THEY SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REGRETTED THAT WHILE THERE WERE EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE DEPENDENCE OF MALAYS ON OTHERS, THERE WERE MALAYS WHO WERE HINDERING SUCH EFFORTS.

+WHAT IS MORE SADDENING IS THAT THESE PEOPLE ALWAYS PROFESSED TO BE MUSLIMS AND MALAYS STRUGGLING FOR ISLAM AND THE MALAY RACE, + HE SAID.

DESCRIBING SUCH PROPAGANDA AS DANGEROUS, HE ADVISED MALAYS NOT TO BE EASILY INFLUENCED. —BERNAMA MORE 1055/AH.

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THIS WAS BECAUSE SUCH A PHILOSOPHY WOULD WEAKEN THEM AS HAD BEEN IN THE CASE OF THEIR FOREFATHERS WHO HAD TO BOW DOWN TO THE BRITISH.

SUCH AN ATTITUDE WOULD SOONER OR LATER MAKE THE MALAYS SUBSERVIENT TO OTHERS.

IN THE END, THE FAITH OF THE MALAYS IN THEMSELVES AND IN WHAT THEY VALUED, INCLUDING RELIGION, WOULD DECLINE AND THE MALAYS WOULD RETURN TO THEIR PRE-MERDEKA POSITION.

IF THAT HAPPENED, THE MALAYS WOULD ONLY APPEAR TO BE GOVERNING THE COUNTRY BUT IN REALITY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO MUCH DUE TO LACK OF SKILLS AND OVER-DEPENDENT ON OTHERS.

EARLIER, HE CALLED ON THE UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO TO EFFECTIVELY GUIDE THE PEOPLE TOWARDS PROGRESS.

—BERNAMA MORE 1115/AH

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HE SAID THE TASK OF UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO WAS NOT ONLY TO ACT AS +GINGER GROUPS+ BUT ALSO TO MOVE ACTIVELY AMONG THE MALAYS, ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH, TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF THE DANGER OF THE UNHEALTHY ATTITUDE ADOPTED BY SOME OF THEM.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR URGED THE UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA UMNO TO ACCEPT THEIR TASKS AS A CHALLENGE TO BE MET THIS YEAR.

THIS YEAR WAS SIGNIFICANT IN THAT IT WAS NOT ONLY FIRST YEAR OF THE 15TH HIJRAH BUT ALSO THE BEGINNING OF THE FOURTH MALAYSIA PLAN. —BERNAMA 1117/AH