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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 28 (BERNAMA) - UMNO PRESIDENT, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, TODAY EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE EMERGENCE OF A CERTAIN GROUP AMONG MALAYSIAN STUDENTS OVERSEAS WHO ARE SAID TO BE PLANTING THE SEEDS OF REVOLUTION AMONG THEIR COLLEAGUES. HE SAID THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP MUST BE CHECKED BECAUSE WHEN THEY RETURNED HOME THEY WOULD CERTAINLY POSE A THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY.

HE GAVE THE ASSURANCE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS IS KEEPING AN EYE ON THEIR ACTIVITIES WINDING UP THE DEBATE ON THE LAST DAY OF THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID CERTAIN STEPS WERE ALSO BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT STUDENTS FROM BEING INFLUENCED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GROUP.

HE ADDED THAT ONE OF THE STEPS WAS THE FORMATION OF UMNO CLUBS OVERSEAS. THERE ARE AT PRESENT FIVE SUCH CLUBS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND TWO OTHERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE FORMED ON PAKISTAN AND EGYPT, - BERNAMA MORE 2055/HM

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR PRAISED THE EFFORTS MADE BY SEVERAL PAST DEPUTY PRIME MINISTERS WHO ON THEIR OWN INITIATIVES, TOOK THE TROUBLE TO EXPAND UMNO'S INFLUENCE OVERSEAS.

ON UMNO'S DEVELOPMENT HE SAID THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR UMNO'S NEW HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX RECENTLY IS ONE ACHIEVEMENT WHICH MEMBERS SHOULD BE PROUD OF.

HE ADDED THAT UMNO'S STRUGGLE RECEIVED THE SYMPATHY OF ALL MALAYS AND THIS IS PROVEN BY THE MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE PROJECT FROM MALAYS WHO ARE NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PARTY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE FUND-RISING COMMITTEE FOR THE PROJECT, SAID THAT A TOTAL OF \$24 MILLION HAD BEEN COLLECTED TO-DATE. - BERNAMA MORE 2100/HM

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THE TOTAL COLLECTION INCLUDED \$1 MILLION FROM PERAK UMNO \$1.2 MILLION FROM JOHORE UMNO AND \$2.3 MILLION FROM THE BERJAYA PARTY IN SARAH.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT A MALAY ENTREPRENEUR HAD ALSO DONATED ONE MILLION SHARES WHICH ARE TODAY WORTH \$9.2 MILLION. SEVERAL OTHER MALAY BUSINESSMEN HAD ALSO PLEDGED TO DONATE BETWEEN \$500,000 AND \$600,000 EACH.

EARLIER, REPLYING TO POINTS RAISED DURING THE DEBATE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DEFENDED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, THE MAJORITY OF WHOM HE SAID ARE DEDICATED.

HE ADDED THAT ONLY A SMALL GROUP OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS DID NOT PERFORM THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AS WELL AS HAD BEEN EXPECTED OF THEM.

+MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ARE VERY SYMPATHETIC TO UMNO'S STRUGGLE TO THE EXTENT THAT THEIR ATTITUDE IS MORE UMNO THAN THOSE OF SOME UMNO MEMBERS, + HE SAID. - BERNAMA 2100/HS