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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 30 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK MUSA HITAN, HAS WARNED NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES IN PARTICULAR TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO CREATE A WRONG IMPRESSION AMONG THE PEOPLE TOWARDS THE ADMINISTRATIONS UNDER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD IN CONNECTION WITH THE RELEASE OF 21 ISA DETAINEES TODAY.

HE REMINDED THEM NOT TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION AS IF THE GOVERNMENT UNDER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HAD CHANGED ITS COURSE TOWARDS A STANCE WHICH IS LESS ANTI-COMMUNIST.

DATUK MUSA, WHO IS ALSO HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE A DIM VIEW OF ANY PARTY DELIBERATELY MISINTERPRETING THE DECISION TO RELEASE THE DETAINEES.

“SHOULD THIS HAPPEN, THE SOLIDARITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS AND ANTI-NATIONAL ELEMENTS WILL BE AFFECTED,” HE ADDED.

HE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S STANCE AND STRATEGY TO CRUSH THE COMMUNISTS AND ANTI-NATIONAL ELEMENTS ARE GIVEN TOP PRIORITY.

THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS WILL SPEARHEAD THE STRATEGY AND IT WAS UP TO THE PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR FULLEST CO-OPERATION AND SUPPORT. — BERNAMA MORE 1643/1B

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DATUK MUSA SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO RELEASE SO MANY DETAINEES WAS BOUND TO RAISE VARIOUS ANALYSES AND INTERPRETATIONS AMONG THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

HE ADDED: “I WOULD LIKE TO REMIND THEM, ESPECIALLY THE NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES, TO BE CAREFUL IN CARRYING OUT THEIR JOB.”

DATUK MUSA ALSO EMPHASISED THAT DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR'S ADMINISTRATION, IN UPHOLDING ITS FOREIGN POLICY OF NEUTRALITY, WAS FIRM IN ITS ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-NATIONAL ELEMENTS POLICY.

HE SAID THAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN KEEPING AN EYE ON THE MOVEMENTS OF THE COMMUNISTS, COMMUNIST FRONT ORGANISATIONS AND ANTI-NATIONAL GROUPS WILL CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT.

THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN DIRECTED TO IMPROVE THEIR PERFORMANCE AND IT WAS UP TO THE PEOPLE TO GIVE THEIR FULL CO-OPERATION TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT ENSURE THAT THE COUNTRY IS NOT THREATENED, HE ADDED.

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DATUK MUSA ALSO WARNED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT HESITATE TO TAKE ANY MEASURES OR LEGISLATE TO CREATE CHAOS TO NATIONAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE INTERNAL SECURITY ACT 1960 EMPOWERED THE GOVERNMENT TO DETAIN PEOPLE WHO WERE CONSIDERED TO BE A THREAT TO PUBLIC ORDER AND NATIONAL SECURITY.

HE POINTED OUT THAT NO ONE HAD BEEN DETAINED UNDER THE ISA FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES ALTHOUGH THERE ARE ALLEGATIONS TO THAT EFFECT.

THOSE DETAINED UNDER THE ISA INCLUDED MEMBERS OF BANNED GROUPS SEEKING TO OVERTHROW THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH FORCE AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL MEANS APART FROM THOSE INVOLVED IN COMMUNIST, PRO-COMMUNIST AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES, HE SAID. — BERNAMA 1650/1B