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ALOR STAR, AUG. 21 (BERNAMA) ๑) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD STRESSED TODAY THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION WAS NOT A NEW ADMINISTRATION BUT RATHER A CONTINUATION OF THAT STARTED BY TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE POLICIES THAT HAD SO BEEN WISELY DRAWN UP BY THE TUNKU HAD BEEN CARRIED ON BY THE LATE TUN ABDUL RAZAK, TUN HUSSEIN ONN, AND NOW BY HIMSELF.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THOUGH THE COUNTRY HAD HAD THREE ADMINISTRATIONS HEADED BY THREE LEADERS, ITS POLICIES REMAINED THE SAME.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS SPEAKING AT A GATHERING ORGANISED BY THE KEDAH STATE GOVERNMENT AT THE STADIUM DARUL AMAN HERE.

ABOUT 25,000 PEOPLE FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE HAD PACKED THE STADIUM TO WELCOME DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE FOURTH PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT HIS PREDECESSORS HAD FOUND IT UNNECESSARY TO CHANGE ANY OF THE POLICIES BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN ASTUTELY DRAWN UP BY THE FIRST PRIME MINISTER, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN.

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WHAT WAS DIFFERENT WAS THE WAY OR STYLE THAT THESE POLICIES WERE CARRIED OUT, BECAUSE EACH LEADER HAD HIS OWN APPROACH.

HE SAID THAT WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICIES THAT HAD BEEN DETERMINED AND NOT THE STYLE OR APPROACH OF A LEADER.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN FOREIGN POLICY TOO, THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE — AS MALAYSIA WISHED TO REMAIN ON FRIENDLY TERMS WITH ALL COUNTRIES REGARDLESS OF THEIR IDEOLOGY OR SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION.

WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THAT THESE COUNTRIES DID NOT INTERFERE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MALAYSIA AND THIS COUNTRY WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THEIR COUNTRIES.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR THEN URGED THE PEOPLE TO UPHOLD THE SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY NOW PRACTISED IN THE COUNTRY TO MAINTAIN POLITICAL STABILITY.

HE SAID THAT THROUGH THE SYSTEM OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY THE PEOPLE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A PARTY TO FORM THE GOVERNMENT EVERY FIVE YEARS.

HE THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR ELECTING THE SAME PARTY TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY SINCE INDEPENDENCE.

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EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH, WERE RECEIVED BY MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI SYED NAHAR SHAHABUDDIN AND DATIN SERI NIK MAIMUNAH WHEN THEY ARRIVED ABOARD AN RMAF NURI HELICOPTER.

ABOUT 1,500 SCHOOL CHILDREN HELD UP FLASH CARDS FORMING THE WORDS +SELAMAT DATANG+ AND NAMES OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE, WHILE 2,500 OTHERS PERFORMED CALISTOTENICS.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE CEREMONY WAS WHEN DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH WERE TAKEN ON A RIDE AROUND THE STADIUM ON TWO ELEPHANTS.

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