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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 29 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, MOHAMAD STRESSED TONIGHT THAT THE GOVERNMENT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP WILL NOT ALLOW ANY FORM OF EXTREMISM TO EXIST IN THIS COUNTRY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID TO PREVENT ANY FORM OF EXTREMISM, THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED VERY STRONG CO-OPERATION OF EVERYONE.

OPENING THE 58TH ANNIVERSARY AND NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS OF THE SELANGOR CHINESE ASSEMBLY HALL HERE, HE SAID ACTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS OF A PARTICULAR GROUP FOR ITS OWN IMPORTANCE ONLY WOULD UPSET THE FEELINGS OF OTHER RACIAL GROUPS.

THIS WOULD SPOIL GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO FORGE PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE COUNTRY, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE SMALL CHANGES IN THE GOVERNMENT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, HE WOULD STILL HOLD FIRMLY TO THE PRINCIPLE AND POLICY WHICH HAD LED THE COUNTRY TO PROSPERITY. — BERNAMA MORE 2310/AZ

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HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PRACTISE TOLERANCE AND HAD NO INTENTION TO RULE WITH AN IRON HAND.

THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID WOULD CONSIDER ALL THE DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE BUT IT COULD NOT FULFILL 100 PER CENT OF THEIR WISHES.

IF ONE COMMUNITY ONLY WERE TO FEEL 100 PER CENT SATISFIED WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION, THEN THE GOVERNMENT COULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE BIASED.

WITH A SITUATION WHERE ALL PARTIES WERE NOT SATISFIED BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT FULFILL THEIR WISHES COMPLETELY THIS MEANT THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS CARRYING OUT A FORM OF ADMINISTRATION THAT WAS JUST.

THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE MORE DIALOGUES WITH THE PEOPLE TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THEIR PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES SO THAT IT COULD PROVIDE THEM WITH EFFECTIVE SERVICES.

HE HOPED MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY WOULD CONTINUE TO POINT OUT ALL THE PROBLEMS FACING THE COUNTRY EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH DIALOGUE SESSIONS. — BERNAMA-MORE- 2313/AZ

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ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SOCIETIES ACT DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EXPLAINED THAT POLITICAL VIEWS OF A SOCIETY DID NOT MEAN THAT ORGANISATION WAS A POLITICAL SOCIETY.

HE HOPED THE ASSEMBLY WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ITS VIEW TO THE GOVERNMENT ON PROBLEMS SUCH AS IN POLITICS.

HOWEVER, HE HOPED THAT IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES, THE ASSEMBLY WOULD CONSIDER THE VIEWS OF OTHER RACES.

EARLIER THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY, TAN SRI LEE YAN LIAN PLEDGED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE AN ADMINISTRATION THAT WAS CLEAN AND EFFICIENT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND HIS WIFE, DATIN. SERI DR. SITI AHASHMAH WERE WELCOMED BY MEMBERS OF THE ASSEMBLY AND BY LION DANCES.

PRESENT ALSO WERE TRANSPORT MINISTER DATUK LEE SAN CHOON: WHO IS MACA PRESIDENT AND FORMER FINANCE MINISTER, TUN TAN SIEW SIN. — BERNAMA 2316/AZ