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KOTA KINABALU, FEB. 16 (BERNAMA) — COMPONENT PARTIES OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL MUST UNITE THEIR EFFORTS IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS HELP EACH OTHER IN THE POLITICAL FIELD, ACTING PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID.

IN THIS WAY THEY WOULD HELP THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, HE ADDED WHEN LAUNCHING JAYA USAHA BERSATU SDN. BHD. (JUB) A JOINT VENTURE COMPANY OF KOPERASI USAHA BERSATU MALAYSIA BHD. OF UMNO AND KOPERSI BERJAYA SABAH, A COOPERATIVE OF BERJAYA IN PENAMPANG YESTERDAY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS ENCOURAGED COOPERATION AMONG THE COMPONENT PARTIES IN JOINT VENTURE PROJECTS AND OTHER ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD BENEFIT THE PEOPLE.

SUCH COOPERATION WOULD SPEED UP GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY SUCH AS ACHIEVING 30 PER CENT BUMIPUTRA SHARE OWNERSHIP.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY SAID THE SETTING UP OF JAYA USAHA BERSATU SHOWED THE COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO COMPONENT PARTIES IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. —BERNAMA  
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HE MADE IT CLEAR HOWEVER THAT THIS COOPERATION BETWEEN UMNO AND BERJAYA SHOULD NOT BE MISUNDERSTOOD TO MEAN THAT UMNO, AS THE DOMINANT PARTY IN BARISAN NASIONAL, WAS NO LONGER NEUTRAL.

HE STRESSED THE NEED FOR COMPONENT PARTIES TO TAKE SUITABLE STEPS IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT THE TIME HAD COME FOR EVERYONE TO BE INVOLVED IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF COOPERATION AS GOVERNMENT EFFORTS ALONE WERE INSUFFICIENT AND THE NATION COULD NOT DEPEND ONLY ON CERTAIN INDUSTRIES.

POLITICAL PARTIES COULD PLAY A ROLE IN INCREASING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY DISTRIBUTE PROSPERITY TO THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR CALLED FOR TIGHT CONTROL OVER NATURAL RESOURCES OR THEY WOULD BE EXPLOITED BEYOND THE LIMITS.

HE ALSO ADVISED THE PEOPLE TO MAKE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. —BERNAMA