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ALOR STAR, MAY 23 (BERNAMA) — CANDIDATES WHO WISH TO CONTEST FOR POSTS IN UMNO WERE TODAY REMINDED NOT TO MAKE USE OF GOVERNMENT'S MACHINERY AND POWERS FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID GOVERNMENT MACHINERY COULD ONLY BE USE FOR THE PEOPLE'S INTEREST AND NOT FOR PARTY OR INDIVIDUAL INTEREST.

HE ADDED THAT CANDIDATES CONTESTING FOR PARTY POSTS MUST USE THE MACHINERY PROVIDED BY THE PARTY TO OBTAIN SUPPORT.

OPENING THE KUALA KEDAH UMNO DIVISION CONFERENCE HERE TODAY, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT, SAID HE DID NOT WISH TO SEE ANYONE MAKING USE OF GOVERNMENT MACHINERY FOR THEIR OWN INTEREST.

HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT SOME QUARTERS WERE SEEKING FAVOURS FROM LEADERS CONTESTING FOR TOP POSTS IN THE PARTY IF THOSE LEADERS WANTED THEIR SUPPORT.

HE SAID THIS SHOULD NOT BE DONE AS IT WOULD LEAD TO CORRUPTION. —BERNAMA MORE 145 /HM

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HE ADDED THAT THE SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY PRACTICED BY UMNO WILL ENSURE THE POSITION OF A LEADER BECAUSE THE MEMBERS ARE SUFFICIENTLY MATURED TO MAKE A DECISION.

CITING HIS OWN CASE AS AN EXAMPLE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE HAD BEEN OUSTED FROM UMNO BUT, BECAUSE OF THE MEMBERS' MATURITY, HE WAS RE-ACCEPTED AND EVEN ELECTED DEPUTY PRESIDENT.

EARLIER, THE KUALA KEDAH UMNO DIVISION HEAD, DATUK SENU ABDUL RAHMAN DESCRIBED DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AS A FIRM, COURAGEOUS AND FRANK LEADER.

HE EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WOULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED. —BERNAMA 1459/HM