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MAHATHIR - PLEDGE
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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 28 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO OFFICIALLY ASSUMES THE POST OF UMNO PRESIDENT TODAY, HAS PLEDGED TO DEVOTE ALL HIS ENERGY AND THOUGHTS TOWARDS UMNO SO LONG AS HIS SERVICES ARE NEEDED.

IN HIS MAIDEN SPEECH AS PRESIDENT AT THE END OF THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE, HE SOUGHT THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE SUPREME COUNCIL AND ALL PARTY LEADERS AND MEMBERS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS TO TAKE OVER AS PRIME MINISTER, STRESSED THAT THE SERVICES OF ONE PERSON ALONE TO MAINTAIN UMNO'S STRENGTH AS THE GOVERNMENT WAS INSUFFICIENT WITHOUT THEIR UNDIVIDED SUPPORT.

IN THE HOUR-LONG SPEECH, HE SAID: +UMNO'S SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS; NOT THE SUCCESS OF ONLY ONE OF US ALTHOUGH IT IS ONLY ONE OF US WHO IS THE PARTY PRESIDENT.+

HE THEN INVITED UMNO MEMBERS TO RENEW THEIR PLEDGE OF LOYALTY TO THE PARTY AND THEIR READINESS TO SACRIFICE FOR THE PARTY, RELIGION, NATION AND COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1956/HS

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DATUK SERI MAHATHIR PRAYED THAT UMNO UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP WOULD CONTINUE SMOOTHLY IN THE SAME WAY IT HAD DONE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DATUK ONN JAAFAR, TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN, TUN ABDUL RAZAK AND DATUK HUSSEIN OUN.

+HOPEFULLY, I WILL BE ABLE TO HAND OVER UMNO TO THE FUTURE LEADERS IN THE SAME STRONG AND UNITED CONDITION AS I HAVE RECEIVED, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ADDED THAT MALAYSIA AND THE MALAYS HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE FILLED WITH GREAT POTENTIAL BUT IN ORDER TO FULLY GAIN FROM THOSE POTENTIALS, A JUST, STRONG AND STABLE GOVERNMENT IS NEEDED.

+UMNO HAS IN FACT BUILT A STRONG, JUST AND STABLE GOVERNMENT AND IT IS HOPED THAT UMNO'S RECORD CAN BE MAINTAINED AFTER I HAVE BEEN ELECTED AS ITS LEADER.+ HE SAID.

HE REMINDED UMNO MEMBERS THAT THE PARTY'S STRUGGLE WOULD NOT END BECAUSE SO LONG AS THERE WAS UMNO SO LONG WILL THERE BE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE DISCHARGED TO IMPROVE THE POSITION OF MALAYS AND THE BUMIPUTRA COMMUNITY, RELIGION AND THE COUNTRY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT PAST LEADERS OF UMNO HAD LAID A STRONG FOUNDATION IN THEIR FIGHT FOR THE ASPIRATIONS AND OBJECTIVES OF UMNO, HALF OF WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED. -- BERNAMA MORE 2004/HS

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HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT UMNO WOULD ONCE AGAIN CLOSE RANKS AND REMAIN UNITED FOLLOWING THE PARTY ELECTIONS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR TOLD UMNO MEMBERS THAT THE QUESTION OF A LEADER'S PLACE OF ORIGIN DID NOT ARISE AS THOSE WHO WERE ELECTED WERE NATIONAL LEADERS.

HE SAID THAT ALL THOSE WHO STOOD FOR THE ELECTIONS WERE PEOPLE IMBUED WITH THE UMNO SPIRIT WERE +NO LESS UMNO+ THAN OTHERS.

HE SAID THE TRUE OBJECTIVE OF THE ELECTIONS WAS NOT TO WREST POSTS IN THE PARTY BUT TO OBTAIN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THE PARTY THROUGH THE POSTS SECURED.

HE SAID: +THERE IS NO HATRED OR ILL-FEELING IN THE CONTEST TO OFFER ONESELF FOR SERVICE TO THE PARTY AND AMBITIONS SHOULD HAVE NO PLACE IN THIS.

+ALL THOSE WHO CONTESTED, WHETHER THEY WON OR LOST, WILL CLOSE LEADERSHIP RANKS AND GIVE THEIR FULL SERVICE TO THE PARTY.+

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THERE WAS NO PLACE FOR SHOULD BE NO JUBILATION OVER VICTORY OR GLOOM AND HURT OVER DEFEAT.
- BERNAMA MORE 2022/HS

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HE THEN ADVISED SUPPORTERS OF THE CANDIDATES TO FORGET ALL ALLEGATIONS AND HOT WORDS UTTERED AND HEARD DURING THE COURSE OF CAMPAIGNING.

HE SAID THAT UMNO WAS A PARTY WHICH ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY, AND MEMBERS MUST THEREFORE ABIDE BY THE RESULTS IN A DEMOCRATIC SPIRIT.

HE ADDED: + THERE ARE NO WINNERS AND NO LOSERS IN THE ELECTION IN UMNO. AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESULTS OF A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IS A VICTORY FOR UMNO.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, REJECTION OF THE DECISION WE HAVE MADE WILL BE A FAILURE FOR UMNO.+ - BERNAMA 2026/HS