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MAHATHIR-UMNO
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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 19⁸² (BERNAMA) --- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS DESCRIBED CERTAIN GROUPS WHO OPPOSE UMNO MERELY FOR THE SAKE OF OPPOSITION AS PEOPLE WHO DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT FEELS THAT THOSE WHO OPPOSE FOR THE SAKE OF OPPOSING ARE NARROW-MINDED PEOPLE AND DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RELIGION.

HE SAID THAT ISLAM REQUIRES ITS FOLLOWERS TO DO A CERTAIN THING NOT BECAUSE OF THE PEOPLE WHO LEAD THEM BUT BECAUSE OF THE CHANNEL THROUGH WHICH IT IS CARRIED.

+WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS WHAT IS ORDERED AND NOT THE PEOPLE WHO GIVE THE ORDER,+ HE SAID IN A SPECIAL INTERVIEW IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE OF MERDEKA, THE OFFICIAL MONTHLY ORGAN OF UMNO.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BOTHER WHO, EVEN IF IT WAS UMNO, IF THEY HAD BEEN ORDERED TO DO SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE OPPOSED.

+HOWEVER, IF THEY ORDER US TO DO GOOD, EVEN IF WE DO NOT LIKE UMNO, WE SHOULD DO IT,+ HE ADDED. --- BERNAMA MORE 1732/A1

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT UMNO IS AN ORGANISATION WHICH IS PRAGMATIC, MODERATE AND LIBERAL AND BASED ON MALAY NATIONALISM.

HE SAID THE QUESTION OF UMNO'S PRAGMATISM IN ITS ACTIONS IS IN LINE WITH ISLAM WHICH CONTAINS ELEMENTS OF PRAGMATISM.

SIMILARLY, UMNO'S LIBERAL ATTITUDE IS NOT AGAINST THE RELIGION AND IT IS THOSE WHO OPPOSE LIBERALISM THAT ARE GOING AGAINST ISLAM, HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, HE FEELS THAT THE QUESTION OF UMNO'S LIBERAL AND PRAGMATIC ATTITUDE IS A SUBJECTIVE MATTER DEPENDING ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S INTERPRETATION.

+IN MY VIEW, WE ARE NOT VERY LIBERAL BUT ISLAM ENJOINS UPON US TO BE FAIR TO ALL PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE NON-MUSLIMS,+ HE SAID.
--- BERNAMA MORE 1735/A1

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR CRITICISED THOSE WHO CLAIM THAT UMNO'S NATIONALISTIC ATTITUDE IS AGAINST ISLAM.---

HE REGRETTED THAT THOSE WHO MAKE SUCH ALLEGATIONS DO NOT HESITATE TO RECEIVE AID WHICH WERE THE RESULTS OF NATIONALISM.

+MANY OF THEM HAVE RECEIVED THEIR EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AID AND OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE ... THIS THEY ACCEPT.+

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS CLEARLY SHOWS THAT SUCH PEOPLE ARE HYPOCRITES WHO ONLY TALKED BUT DO NOT PRACTISE WHAT THEY PREACH. --- BERNAMA 1737/A1