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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 31 (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WARNED GROUPS SPREADING LIES ABOUT GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS FOR THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE THAT THEY ARE TREADING ON +DANGEROUS GROUNDS.+

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IF UNCHECKED, THEIR ACTION WOULD LEAD TO EFFECTS PREJUDICIAL TO NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC ORDER. HE REMINDED THAT DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND EXPRESSION OF OPINION HAD LIMITS UNDER THE LAWS OF THE LAND.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS REPLYING TO AN ORIGINATING QUESTION FROM HAJI HASHIM HAJI RAZALI (BN-MATANG) IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT WHO ASKED WHETHER THE PRIME MINISTER WAS AWARE THAT A CERTAIN GROUP OF MUSLIMS WAS SPREADING LIES TO DISCREDIT GOVERNMENT EFFORTS FOR THE PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DESCRIBED SUCH ACTIONS AS DIRTY AND CENSURED BY ISLAM.

THEY WERE AIMED AT PREVENTING THE PEOPLE FROM BENEFITTING FROM GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR LIFE AS REQUIRED BY ISLAM. — BERNAMA MORE 2015/MK

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THE GROUP SPREADING THE LIES DID NOT WANT TO SEE THE PEOPLE PROGRESS. IT WANTED THE PEOPLE TO CONTINUE TO SUFFER SO IT COULD EXPLOIT THE PLIGHT OF THE PEOPLE FOR ITS OWN PURPOSES.

THE PRIME MINISTER HAD THE HOUSE IN LAUGHTER WHEN HE RESPONDED TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION FROM DATUK HAJI ABU BAKAR UMAR (PAS-KOTA STAR) ASKING WHETHER HE WAS TRYING TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT PAS WAS INVOLVED IN THE MATTER.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE NEVER MENTIONED OR IMPLIED PAS INVOLVEMENT, SUGGESTING THAT THE REACTION OF MEMBER WAS +PERHAPS OUT OF GUILT.+

TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION FROM ENCIK NAKHAIE HAJI AHMAD (PAS-BALING), HE STRESSED THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT AFRAID OF CRITICISM. THE GOVERNMENT WAS EVER READY TO FACE ANY CHALLENGE OR THREAT FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. — BERNAMA MORE 2020/MK

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THE ONES TO LOSE WOULD BE NOT THE GOVERNMENT BUT THE PEOPLE BECAUSE THEIR MINDS HAD BEEN DIVERTED FROM THE TRUTH.

TO WAN MOHAMAD NAJIB WAN MOHAMAD (BN-PASIR PUTIH), HE SAID THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE STRATEGY USED BY THE GROUP AND THAT USED BY THE COMMUNISTS WAS THAT THE GROUP'S TACTIC WAS +MORE STUPID.+ (LAUGHTER).

HE SAID THE GROUP DID NOT SEEM TO REALISE THE EFFECTS OF THEIR ACTIONS FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES. — BERNAMA 2021/MK