

MAHATHIR-FLAMES

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SUNGAI PETANI, MARCH 27 (BERNAMA) <sup>82</sup> DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY LASHED OUT AT CERTAIN <sup>Q</sup> QUARTERS WHO, HE SAID, ARE DELIBERATELY FANNING THE HEAT GENERATED IN THE CURRENT ELECTION SEASON INTO HOT FLAMES OF DISAFFECTION AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THEY WERE ALWAYS FINDING FAULT WITH GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES DESPITE KNOWING THAT THE EFFORTS WERE GOOD AND OF BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE AND TO THEMSELVES.

SPEAKING AT THE FOUNDATION STONE LAYING CEREMONY OF THE FISHERMEN'S RESETTLEMENT SCHEME AT TANJUNG DAWAI, ABOUT 30 KM FROM HERE, HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO RESIST THE PROPAGANDA OF THIS GROUP AND TO TELL LIE FROM TRUTH.

+ONE BAD APPLE DOES NOT SPOIL THE WHOLE BARREL,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DID NOT IDENTIFY THE GROUP CONCERNED, SAYING ONLY THAT THE GROUP CONSTANTLY NEGATING GOVERNMENT EFFORTS+ ITSELF DOES NOT HAVE A GOVERNMENT NOW.+

+IN SPITE OF BEING IN POWER IN A STATE FOR 18 YEARS' IT NEVER BROUGHT ANY BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE.--BERNAMA MORE 1902/HM

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+THEY CLAIM THAT WE ARE MORTGAGING OUR COUNTRY TO OTHERS BY GETTING FOREIGN FUNDING FOR OUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

+BUT WE HAVE BEEN BORROWING MONEY FROM FOREIGN SOURCES SINCE MERDEKA AND UNTIL NOW OUR COUNTRY STILL BELONGS TO US,+ HE ADDED.

+ON THE OTHER HAND, THE LAND THAT THE GROUP MORTGAGED TO OTHERS HAS NOT BEEN REDEEMED UP TO NOW.+

THE \$1.7 MILLION RESETTLEMENT SCHEME INVOLVES ABOUT 100 FISHERMEN FAMILIES WHO ARE GIVEN AID TO CARRY OUT FISH OR PRAWN AQUACULTURE AS WELL AS CAGE FISH BREEDING.

THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE EARNINGS OF THE PARTICIPANTS TO BETWEEN \$300 AND \$400 A MONTH.--BERNAMA 1913/HM