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KUCHING, APRIL 14 (BERNAMA) - (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD)
HAS EXPRESSED REGRET OVER THE EXISTENCE OF AN OPPOSITION PARTY
IN SABAH AND SARAWAK WHICH IS TRYING TO GET THE SUPPORT OF THE
PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THOSE OF CHINESE ORIGIN, USING RACIAL SENTIMENTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE PARTY HAD SHOWN ITS CHAUVINISM
BY RAISING ISSUES OF ONLY ONE COMMUNITY AND IGNORING THE INTERESTS
OF OTHERS IN ITS ATTEMPT TO GAIN VOTES IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

HE SAID THAT IN THE PAST SABAH AND SARAWAK WERE FREE FROM
COMMUNALISTIC FEELINGS WHICH WERE BEING SPREAD BY THAT PARTY WHICH
ORIGINATED FROM PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

SPEAKING AT A MEETING WITH THE PEOPLE AT THE DEWAN PEMBANGUNAN,
TUN ABDUL RAZAK HERE LAST NIGHT, HE REGRETTED THAT
THE PARTY SOUGHT TO WIN THE SUPPORT OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY BY PLAYING
UP THEIR INTERESTS AND ACTING AS IF THE OTHER COMMUNITIES DID NOT
EXIST.

THEIR ELECTION CAMPAIGN POSTERS WERE WRITTEN IN CHINESE ONLY
TO APPEAL TO ONE PARTICULAR COMMUNITY, HE ADDED. - BERNAMA MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO WAS ON A ONE-DAY VISIT TO SARAWAK,
SAID THAT THAT PARTY ALSO WARNED THE CHINESE COMMUNITY AGAINST
CO-OPERATING WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES.

HE SAID ONE MATTER WHICH HAD BEEN MADE AN ISSUE BY THE PARTY
TO STIR UP THE CHINESE IN SARAWAK WAS THE NEW 3R (READING,
WRITING AND ARITHMETIC) PRIMARY SCHOOL CURRICULUM.

(THE STATEMENT APPEARS TO BE DIRECTED AT THE DAP WHICH HAS
PUT UP BANNERS AND POSTERS ON THE 3R CURRICULUM IN SEVERAL PLACES
IN KUCHING.)

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PARTY HAD ACCUSED CHINESE-
BASED COMPONENT PARTIES OF THE BN SUCH AS THE SUPP AND SNAP OF
NOT BRINGING UP ISSUES ON THE CURRICULUM.

HE ALSO ASKED WHETHER THE DAP WHICH ONLY PUT UP CANDIDATES
IN FOUR OF THE 24 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS COULD EFFECTIVELY
REPRESENT THE PEOPLE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1115/MK

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT ONLY BY WORKING WITH THE BN CLULD ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES STRUGGLE FOR THE PEOPLE.

HE SAID THE COMPONENT PARTIES OF THE BN ALWAYS CONSULTED ONE ANOTHER ON MATTERS AFFECTING THE PEOPLE.

+WE IN THE BN ALWAYS HAVE CONSULTATIONS TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN THINGS BECAUSE WE BELEVE THAT THERE IS NO USE IN SHOUTING OUTSIDE OR IN THE STREETS TO STRIVE FOR SOMETHING LIKE WHAT IS BEING DONE BY THE DAP,+ HE ADDED.

HE RE-ITERATED THE GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO BUILD UP A UNITED PEOPLE THROUGH THE SYSTEM OF CONSULTATION.

ONLY IN THIS WAY COULD THE NATION'S PROGRESS, STRENGTH AND THE RESPECT IT HAD GAINED FROM OTHERS BE GUARANTEED, HE SAID.

-- BERNAMA 1119/MK