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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 23 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER, (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR PLACING THEIR TRUST IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL TO CONTINUE TO HOLD THE REIGNS OF GOVERNMENT.

IN A SPECIAL INTERVIEW TELECAST LIVE BY RTM, HE HOPED THAT ALL MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND HARSH WORDS DURING THE CAMPAIGN COULD BE FORGOTTEN SO THAT EVERYONE COULD COOPERATE TO BUILD THE COUNTRY.

"AS FOR ME, I WILL ADVISE BARISAN NASIONAL MEMBERS NOT TO THINK ABOUT TAKING REVENGE BUT INSTEAD TO THINK OF WAYS HOW WE CAN USE THE PEOPLE'S ENERGY TOWARDS BUILDING A NATION WHICH WILL BE TRULY KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AS ONE WHICH IS CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY," HE SAID.

REPLYING TO A QUESTION, HE ADDED THAT THE AIM OF FORMING A CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY GOVERNMENT HAD ALWAYS BEEN THE OBJECTIVE BUT THIS COULD NOT BE BROUGHT ABOUT OVERNIGHT.

"IT WOULD TAKE TIME AND WE MUST TAKE STEPS SO THAT IT WILL BE EFFECTIVE NOT ONLY AS AN IMAGE TO BE EXHIBITED TO THE PEOPLE BUT ALSO AS A PRACTICE OF THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT TO BE FORMED," HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA MORE 1050/MB

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ON THE FORMATION OF THE NEW CABINET, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY FOR HIM TO THINK ABOUT IT AS THE ELECTION FOR PARLIAMENTARY SEATS WAS STILL CONTINUING IN SABAH AND SARAWAK.

HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WOULD BE CHANGES BECAUSE SOME MINISTERS DID NOT CONTEST IN THE ELECTION.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK MUSA HITAM, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, DESCRIBED THE BARISAN NASIONAL VICTORY AS THE EFFICIENCY OF THE FRONT'S MACHINERY IN CONVEYING TO THE PEOPLE ITS ASPIRATIONS TO FORM A CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY GOVERNMENT.

ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH ENSURED SUCCESS FOR THE FRONT WAS THE PEOPLE'S AWARENESS FOR DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID.

DATUK MUSA, WHO IS ALSO THE BARISAN'S DIRECTOR OF ELECTION INFORMATION, ADDED: "THE PEOPLE WANT DEVELOPMENT IN ITS PRACTICAL SENSE AND AFTER YEARS OF ELECTING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE OPPOSITION PARTIES, THEY DID NOT RECEIVE ANY DEVELOPMENT."

IN ADDITION, THE PEOPLE WERE NO LONGER ATTRACTED TO THE ISSUES SOLELY BASED ON RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS MATTERS, HE ADDED. -

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