

MAHATHIR-YOUTH R'R'R'
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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 15 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, REMINDED THE NATION'S YOUTH TODAY THAT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FULFIL THE AIMS OF THEIR STRUGGLE, THEY WERE NOT EXEMPT FROM THE PROCESS OF LAW.

HE SAID THAT YOUTH, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, MUST RESPECT AND ABIDE BY RULES AND REGULATIONS LAID DOWN ALTHOUGH THEY MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THEIR FORMULATION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT NO ONE COULD HOPE TO ACHIEVE LASTING SUCCESS IN THEIR ENDEAVOURS SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO USE THREATS OR FORCE TO ACHIEVE THEIR OBJECTIVES:

'THREATS OR FORCE WILL ONLY BREED MORE OF THE SAME,' HE ADDED WHEN HE LAUNCHED THE YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS AT STADIUM NEGARA HERE. ABOUT 10,000 YOUTH ATTENDED THE GATHERING. -- BERNAMA MORE 1123/LK

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HE SAID THAT AN ADMINISTRATION USING THREAT AND FORCE COULD ONLY REMAIN BY BEING DICTATORIAL.

ULTIMATELY, IT WOULD BE OPPOSED ALSO WITH THREAT AND FORCE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS GIVING THE REMINDER LEST THE YOUNGER GENERATION FORGET HISTORY AND LOSE THEIR SENSE OF BEARING.

HE SAID A GENERATION WHICH FORGOT HISTORY MIGHT RESORT TO ACTIONS PROMPTED BY EMOTIONS, THE RESULT OF WHICH WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS TO THE NATION.

HISTORY HAD SHOWN THAT YOUTH COULD CHANGE THE CHARACTER OF A SOCIETY AND DETERMINE THE FUTURE OF A NATION.

WHETHER OR NOT ANY GOOD WOULD EMERGE FROM SUCH A CHANGE DEPENDED NOT ONLY ON THE INTENTIONS BUT ALSO THE WAY THE CHANGE WAS EFFECTED. -- BERNAMA MORE 1145/LK

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IN THIS CONTEXT, THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF DISCIPLINE AMONG YOUTH AS PART OF SOCIETY.

A SOCIETY WHICH HAD NO RESPECT FOR DISCIPLINE COULD NOT HOPE TO HAVE AN ADMINISTRATION WHICH WAS EFFECTIVE AND CAPABLE OF BRINGING ABOUT BENEFITS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID NO ADMINISTRATION COULD SUCCEED IN FIGHTING CRIME, MORAL DECADENCE AND OTHER SOCIAL ILLS IF SOCIETY DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN OR BACK ITS EFFORTS.

HE NOTED THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME QUARTERS WHICH DID NOT WANT TO SEE THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY YOUTH, OBSERVING DISCIPLINE, CLAIMING THAT SOCIETY WOULD THEN BE MADE UP OF ROBOTS. -- BERNAMA MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE TRUTH WAS THAT THESE ANTI-DISCIPLINE GROUPS DID NOT WANT TO SEE THE COUNTRY PROGRESS AND BE IN A POSITION TO COMPETE WITH THEM.

HE URGED ALL MALAYSIANS NOT TO BE TAKEN IN BY THESE FOREIGN ELEMENTS AND BECOME "THE TOOLS OF THOUGHT IMPERIALISTS."

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, IN HIS MESSAGE TO THE NATION'S YOUTH, ALSO CALLED ON THEM NOT TO BE TOO CHOOSY IN SEEKING JOBS.

THEY SHOULD NOT ALWAYS THINK OF SELF INTEREST.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE BELIEVED THAT IF YOUTH WERE WILLING TO TAKE ON JOBS WITHOUT BEING TOO PARTICULAR ABOUT THEIR NATURE AND THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE AVAILABLE, NO ONE NEED BE UNEMPLOYED IN THE COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1220/LK

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HOWEVER, IF THEY PERSISTED IN THEIR ATTITUDE OF BEING TOO CHOOSY, THE NATION'S DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE AFFECTED AND ITS INTEGRITY THREATENED.

YOUTH, HE SAID, MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NATIONAL INTERESTS BECAUSE BY DOING SO, THEY WOULD IN THE LONG RUN BE TAKING CARE OF THEIR OWN INTERESTS AS WELL.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS THEY WHO WOULD INHERIT THE COUNTRY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR CONGRATULATED THE NATIONAL YOUTH COOPERATIVE, KOBENA, FOR ENTERING INTO AN ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE INDONESIAN YOUTH COOPERATIVE, KOPINDO.

HE HOPED THAT SUCH COOPERATION WOULD ALSO BE PROMOTED WITH OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1232/LK

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THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO LAUNCHED THE YOUTH FOUNDATION AT THE GATHERING.

HE RECEIVED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS INCLUDING \$10,000 EACH FROM THE PERAK, PENANG AND PAHANG STATE GOVERNMENTS, THE MALAYSIAN YOUTH COUNCIL, KOBENA AND SABERKAS (SARAWAK YOUTH MOVEMENT).

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS CONTRIBUTED \$30,000 TO THE FOUNDATION. -- BERNAMA 1233/LK