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ALOR STAR, MAY 21 (BERNAMA)-PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD URGED THE PEOPLE TODAY TO SEEK THEIR FORTUNE IN ORDER TO LEAD A MORE COMFORTABLE LIFE AND FOR MUSLIMS IN PARTICULAR, IN ORDER TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO FULFIL THEIR RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT FOR MUSLIMS, HAVING MONEY WOULD FACILITATE PERFORMANCE OF THE FIFTH TENET OF THE ISLAMIC FAITH - THE REQUIREMENT TO EMBARK ON THE HAJ.

+THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY MUSLIMS, SHOULD ENDEAVOUR TO ACQUIRE WORLDLY RICHES WITHOUT HOWEVER NEGLECTING THEIR SPIRITUAL OBLIGATIONS.+

HE WAS SPEAKING TO RESIDENTS OF PADANG SERA, 35 KM FROM HERE, WHO WERE ATTENDING A THANKSGIVING CEREMONY FOR VICTORY OF BN CANDIDATES IN THE KUBANG PASU AREA IN THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS RETURNED TO THE KUBANG PASU PARLIAMENTARY SEAT WHILE BN CANDIDATES WON THE TWO STATE SEATS IN THE CONSTITUENCY.--BERNAMA MORE 2038/HM

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HE SAID THE BEST WAY FOR THE PEOPLE TO INCREASE THEIR INCOME WAS THROUGH SMALL-SCALE INDUSTRIAL OR COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE THE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE BUT THE GENUINE EFFORTS MUST COME FROM THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

THE PEOPLE COULD NOT REAP THE FULL BENEFITS OF GOVERNMENT AID IF THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO WORK TO FOR IT.

THE GOVERNMENT COULD DO EVERYTHING EXCEPT PUT THE MONEY INTO THEIR POCKETS.

ON THE GENERAL ELECTION, HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO SET ASIDE ALL POLITICAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND TO COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER IN THEIR DAILY LIFE.

AMONG MUSLIMS, FOLLOWERS OF ONE POLITICAL AFFILIATION SHOULD NOT BOYCOTT FUNCTIONS OR CEREMONIES ORGANISED BY FOLLOWERS SUBSCRIBING TO DIFFERENT POLITICAL BELIEFS.--BERNAMA MORE 2042/HM

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+AS MUSLIMS, OUR DUTY IS TO SERVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM AND NOT AT THE DICTATES OF OUR OWN PERSONAL OR POLITICAL FEELINGS.+

AT A SIMILAR FUNCTION AT KODIANG, ABOUT 10 KM FROM PADANG SERA, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ATTRIBUTED THE BN- VICTORY IN THE ELECTION TO THE PEOPLE'S DESIRE FOR REPRESENTATIVES WHO COULD REALLY SERVE THEM.

THE BN, COGNIZANT OF THIS DESIRE, HAD FIELDDED CANDIDATES WHO WERE PREPARED TO WORK HARD IN SERVING THE PEOPLE.

HE HOPED THE COOPERATION ENGENDERED DURING THE ELECTION WOULD BE MAINTAINED FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE.

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