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BALING, MAY 22 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY REMINDED COMPONENT PARTIES OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL TO PRESERVE THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION THEY DISPLAYED DURING THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IF THEY COULD HAVE SUCH A RELATIONSHIP DURING THE ELECTION, HE COULD NOT SEE WHY SUCH CO-OPERATION COULD NOT BE CONTINUED TO INCLUDE EFFORTS IN NATION BUILDING.

HE SAID THIS AT A GATHERING AT THE DEWAN TUN ABDUL RAZAK HERE TO CELEBRATE THE BN'S SUCCESS IN THE ELECTION.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO BN CHAIRMAN, SAID THE BARISAN'S VICTORY WAS THE BEST THE RULING PRTY HAD ACHIEVED SINCE MERDEKA.

THIS WAS THE RESULT OF THE CLOSE CO-OPERATION AMONG THE COMPONENT PARTIES WHICH REPRESENTED THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY. --  
BERNAMA MORE 1507/OM

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HE SAID THAT THOUGH THE BN WAS MADE UP OF COMPONENT PARTIES, IT HAD BEEN ABLE TO DRAW UP A STRATEGY TO WIN IN THE ELECTION AS IF IT WAS ONE PARTY.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE TIME HAD NOT YET COME FOR THE SETTING UP OF A SINGLE PARTY TO REPRESENT ALL THE GROUPS IN THE COUNTRY.

THIS WAS BECAUSE THERE WERE STILL CERTAIN SENSITIVITIES AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID EACH COMMUNITY HAD THEIR ROLE TO PLAY IN NATION BUILDING.

THE GOVERNMENT, WITH ITS NEW MANDATE, WAS DETERMINED TO FULFILL ITS PROMISES OUTLINED IN ITS MANIFESTO, HE SAID. --BERNAMA MORRE--  
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HE CALLED ON EVERYONE TO SINK THEIR POLITICAL DIFFERENCES AND WORK TOGETHER FOR THE PROGRESS OF THE NATION.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT COULD ONLY SET UP PROGRAMMES AND PROVIDE FACILITIES WHILE THE SUCCESS OF PROJECTS DEPENDED ON THE EFFORTS AND PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE.

HE SAID THAT TO UPGRADE BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY THE GOVERNMENT COULD ONLY PROVIDE FACILITIES AND ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUCCESS DEPENDED ON THE BUMIPUTRAS THEMSELVES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEURS TO UNDERGO TRAINING IN VARIOUS FIELDS SO THAT THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR VENTURES EFFECTIVELY.

HE ALSO EXPRESSEE HIS GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE OF BALING FOR SUPPORTING THE BN--THE AREA HAD BEEN HELD BY PAS FOR TWO TERMS. --  
BERNAMA MORE 1518/0M

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HE SAID THAT THE FUTURE OF THE AREA WAS BRIGHT AND VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EAST-WEST HIGHWAY, DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA WOULD SPEED UP.

HE ALSO CALLED ON THE PEOPLE OF BALING, ESPECIALLY BN SUPPORTERS, TO WORK TOGETHER WITH EVERYONE, INCLUDING OPPOSITION SUPPORTERS, FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.

PRESENT WERE DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH, ACTING KEDAH MENTRI BESAR DATUK OTHMAN AROFF AND STATE DIGNITARIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER LATER LEFT FOR ALOR STAR TO ATTEND A BN THANKSGIVING FUNCTION IN PADANG SERA AND LATER IN KODIANG. -- BERNAMA  
1540/MB