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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 20 (BERNAMA)--(DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD. TODAY REMINDED ELECTED LEADERS AND THOSE ELECTED TO ADMINISTER THE COUNTRY OR PARTY TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE, RELIGION AND COUNTRY.

THEY SHOULD REALISE THE FACT THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO HOLD SUCH POSITIONS NOT BECAUSE OF THEIR PERSONAL SUCCESS BUT BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE TOWARDS THE PARTY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID WHEN OPENING THE DELEGATES CONFERENCE OF THE SETAPAK UMNO DIVISION HERE.

HE SAID LEADERS WHO DID NOT WANT TO MIX WITH AND UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEM OF THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT IN THE FIRST PLACE OBTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE PARTY AS SOONER OR LATER THE PEOPLE WOULD BE AWARE OF THEIR MOTIVE AND SUBSEQUENTLY THEY WOULD LOSE THE SUPPORT AND TAMISH THE GOOD NAME OF THE PARTY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID THAT AS LEADERS, THEY SHOULD BE WILING TO SACRIFICE THEIR SELF-INTERESTS FOR THE PEOPLE, RELIGION AND COUNTRY. --BERNAMA MORE 1307/MD

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HE SAID THE TRUTH WAS THAT THEY WERE GIVEN PLACES WITHIN THE PARTY NOT TO ENABLE THEM TO SHOW OFF THEIR POSITION BUT TO FIGHT FOR AND OVERCOME THE PROBLEMS FACING THE PEOPLE.

AS SUCH HE CALLED ON THEM TO WORK EVEN HARDER AND TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE PEOPLE.

HE SAID WITH COOPERATION FROM OTHER POLITICAL PARTIES, UMNO HAD BROUGHT ABOUT MANY ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROVED THAT ITS STRUGGLE HAD RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE.

+HOWEVER, WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT THESE ACHIEVEMENTS WERE GAINED AFTER FACING VARIOUS PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES+, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE ADDED, THESE WERE OVERCOME WITH THE PREVAILING SPIRIT AMONG UMNO MEMBERS WHO WERE READY TO SACRIFICE FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE, RELIGION AND COUNTRY. --BERNAMA MORE 1352/BY

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR URGED ALL UMNO MEMBERS TO RECALL THE HISTORY OF UMNO'S STRUGGLE SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1946 AND THAT WITHOUT THE COOPERATION AND UNITY AMONG THE MALAYS, THE PARTY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO APOSE THE MALAYAN UNION WHICH WAS AIMED AT ELIMINATING THE SPECIAL PRIVILEGES OF THE MALAYS. THE UNITY SHOWN BY THE MALAYS HAD FORCED THE BRITISH TO GRANT INDEPENDENCE TO THE COUNTRY, TWO YEARS EARLIER THAN SCHEDULED, HE ADDED.

SINCE THEN UMNO HAD PROGRESSED AND BECOME STRONGER BUT THESE DEVELOPMENTS HAD BROUGHT WITH THEM VARIOUS PROBLEMS AND CHALLENGES.

AS SUCH, UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD FAST TO THE ORIGINAL SPIRIT OF THE PARTY'S STRUGGLE FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE, RELIGION AND COUNTRY.

HE ALSO REMINDED THOSE WHO WERE UNHAPPY WITH THE EXISTING LEADERSHIP TO VOICE THEIR OBJECTIONS THROUGH THE VARIOUS CHANNELS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE PARTY. --BERNAMA MORE 1400/MD

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE DISCREPANCIES IN THE PARTY'S CONSTITUTION AND STEPS WERE BEING TAKEN TO RECTIFY THEM IN LINE WITH THE PRESENT NEEDS.

AS POLITICALLY MATURED MEMBERS, THEY SHOULD MAKE USE OF THEIR RIGHT UNDER THE CONSTITUTION TO FORWARD THEIR VIEWS AND OBJECTIONS.

+I DO NOT WANT TO SEE NOR BEAR OF MEMBERS SENDING IN UNSIGNED OR FLYING LETTERS OR MAKE THEIR OBJECTIONS CONTRARY TO THE PROCEDURES LAID DOWN IN THE PARTY'S CONSTITUTION,+ HE SAID.

SUCH ACTIONS WOULD NOT ONLY BE DISREGARDED BY THOSE WHOM THEY WERE MEANT FOR WERE ALSO INEFFECTIVE, HE SAID.

+WE HAVE A CONSTITUTION, AS A DISCIPLINED AND UNITED RACE, WE MUST ABIDE BY THE CERTAIN PRINCIPLES,+ HE ADDED. --BERNAMA 1403/MD