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JITRA, JULY 10 (BERNAMA) -- <sup>82</sup> <sup>(P)</sup> DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID MUSLIMS SHOULD STUDY THE ART OF SELF-DEFENCE THE MODERN WAY TO OVERCOME THEIR PRESENT WEAKNESSES.

HE SAID BECAUSE THE ISLAMIC PEOPLE WERE WEAK, THEY COULD NOT DO ANY THING WHEN SUPPRESSED BY THE ENEMY AS HAD HAPPENED IN LEBANON WHERE MUSLIMS WERE BEING CRUELLY DECIMATED BY THE JEWS.

THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT WITH A SPIRIT OF WILLINGNESS AND DETERMINATION TO REVIVE THE ART OF SELF-DEFENCE, IT WOULD NOT BE IMPOSSIBLE THAT ONE DAY MUSLIMS WOULD BE ABLE TO OVERCOME THE JEWS AS SKILL WAS NOT THE JEWS' SOLE MONOPOLY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS WHEN SPEAKING AT A NUZUL QURAN CEREMONY IN KAMPUNG TUALANG PALAS IN THE KUBANG PASU PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY NEAR HERE TONIGHT ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE STATE KEMAS DEPARTMENT AND VILLAGE RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE.

HE SAID IF THE ISLAMIC YOUNGER GENERATION OF TODAY DISCIPLINED THEMSELVES AND LEARNED THE MODERN ART OF WARFARE, SOONER OR LATER THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY WOULD OVERCOME THEIR WEAKNESSES. --MORE 2322/AH

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THE JEWS HAD WORKED FOR 1,400 YEARS TO ASPIRE TO THEIR PRESENT STATE.

AS THE MUSLIMS WERE WEAK, THEY COULD ONLY WATCH AS THE JEWS HEAPED CRUELITIES ON THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY AS HAD HAPPENED IN LEBANON.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID INCIDENTS OF JEWS KICKING AND STAMPING ON MUSLIMS AS WERE SEEN RECENTLY WAS SADDENING AND THIS SHOULD TEACH MUSLIMS A LESSON.

MUSLIMS SHOULD BE DETERMINED AND WILLING TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FROM NOW AND ALSO UNITE BESIDES ERADICATING MATTERS WHICH COULD GIVE RISE TO INTERNAL SQUABBLES THAT COULD WEAKEN THEM.

IN MAKING THESE PREPARATIONS, ISLAMIC YOUTHS SHOULD FOCUS THEIR ENTIRE ATTENTION ON THEIR EDUCATION IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT WOULD ENABLE THEM TO OVERCOME THEIR ENEMIES EVEN THOUGH THIS WOULD TAKE TIME. --MORE 2235/AH

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ADDED THAT WITH THIS STRENGTH, IT WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE MUSLIMS TO SUPPRESS OTHERS BUT SOLELY TO PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS.

HE REGRETTED THAT THERE WERE STUDENTS IN UNIVERSITIES WHO TRIED TO TEACH THE GOVERNMENT HOW TO RULE THE NATION WHILE THEY WERE YET TO BENEFIT FROM THEIR EDUCATION.

THEY SHOULD ALSO ADVISED NOT TO CHOOSE EASY SUBJECTS JUST TO GET DEGREES AND POSITIONS. SUCH AN ATTITUDE WOULD NOT HELP THE MUSLIMS TO FIGHT AGAINST THEIR ENEMIES.

ALSO PRESENT WERE DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH, SENIOR EXCO MEMBER DATUK HAJI OSMAN AROF AND JITRA STATE ASSEMBLYMAN HAJI HANAFI RAMLI. --BERNAMA 2339/AH