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JITRA, JULY 16³² (BERNAMA) -- [Ⓟ]DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS CALLED ON MUSLIMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO PRACTISE THE REAL ISLAMIC WAY OF LIFE.

IT ENCOURAGED MUSLIMS TO BE UNITED AND NOT DIVIDED, HELP EACH OTHER, PRACTISE NEIGHBOURLINESS AND NOT BOYCOTT EACH OTHER.

HE REGRETTED THAT THERE WERE MUSLIMS WHO ACKNOWLEDGED ISLAM AS THEIR WAY OF LIFE BUT WHAT THEY ACTUALLY PRACTISED WAS NOT IN LINE WITH ISLAM.

SPEAKING AT A NUZUL QURAN FUNCTION AT KAMPUNG KODIANG LAMA, 40 KM FROM HERE TONIGHT, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE EVENTS IN WEST ASIA WHERE MUSLIMS WERE WARRING AND KILLING EACH OTHER AND WERE RELUCTANT TO FACE THE JEWS SIGNIFIED A CLEAR EXAMPLE THAT MUSLIMS ARE NOT PRACTISING THE WAYS OF ISLAM.

IN WEST ASIA, THE ISLAMIC POPULACE WERE BEING SUPPRESSED BY THE ENEMY AND THE PEOPLE LIVED IN FEAR BUT NO ONE WANTED TO HELP, HE ADDED. -- (MORE 2300/MB)

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE FAILURE OF THE ORGANISATION OF ISLAMIC CONFERENCE (OIC) TO HOLD A VITAL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE LEBANON AND PLO PROBLEMS GRIEVED THE ENTIRE ISLAMIC POPULACE IN THE WORLD.

IT WAS INDEED SADDENING THAT ISLAMIC NATIONS THEMSELVES WERE RELUCTANT TO ASSIST THEIR MUSLIM NEIGHBOURS WHO WERE BEING MENACED BY THEIR ENEMIES.

WORSE, ISLAMIC NATIONS DID NOT EVEN VOICE THEIR CONDEMNATIONS TOWARDS THE JEWS OR OFFER A SHOW OF ASSISTANCE BY WAY OF MATERIALS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PLO REPRESENTATIVE, ENCIK ABU RIYAD, MET HIM IN KUALA LUMPUR YESTERDAY SAID IT WAS ONLY IN MALAYSIA THAT DEMONSTRATIONS HAD BEEN HELD TO CONDEMN THE JEWS BESIDES THE LAUNCHING OF FUNDS TO ASSIST WAR VICTIMS IN LEBANON.

HE HOPED THAT MUSLIMS IN THIS COUNTRY REALISED THEIR OWN SHORTCOMINGS. -- MORE 2315/MB

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID MUSLIMS IN THIS COUNTRY SHOULD KNOW SELF-REALISATION AND NURTURE EXISTING SOLIDARITY AND PROSPERITY SO THAT THEY COULD RESIST ANY ATTACKS BY ENEMIES FROM OUTSIDE.

THEY SHOULD ALSO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE IN TAKING OVER FOREIGN COMPANIES WHICH ACTUALLY BENEFITTED THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE TUNJANG STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, HAJI HANAFI RAMLI AND THE KUBANG PASU DISTRICT OFFICER DATUK NOR AMAN DATUK HAJI RAFFIES. -- BERNAMA 2320/MB