

MAHATHIR-FREEMASON
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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 10 (BERNAMA) -- /DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD MUSLIMS TODAY NOT TO BE SCARED BY THE FREEMASON MOVEMENT, THE ORGANISATION FOUNDED BY ZIONISTS WHICH CONFLICTED WITH ISLAMIC BELIEF.

THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT MUSLIMS COULD NOT CALL THEMSELVES STAUNCH BELIEVERS OF ISLAM IF THEY WERE FRIGHTENED OF THE FREEMASONS +ARE WE THAT WEAK THAT WE CAN BE SCARED BY A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE PLAY-ACTING IN A BUILDING WE CALL A HUNTED HOUSE?+ HE ASKED +IF THIS IS SO THEN WE ARE FRIGHTENED BY NOTHING MORE THAN THE GHOST OF OUR OWN MAKING+.

HE MADE THE STATEMENTS IN HIS HIS P POLICY ADDRESS AS PRESIDENT OF UMNO MALAYSIA AT THE MOVEMENT'S 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ASKED WHETHER THE EXISTENCE OF THE FREEMASON MOVEMENT WAS EVER A CONSTRAINT TO ACHIEVING OF SUCCESS INDEPENDENCE.

--MORE 1246/AN

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HE REITERATED THAT THE MOVEMENT WAS NOT WELCOME IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT MUSLIMS SHOULD NOT JOIN THE MOVEMENT.

HOWEVER, FINDING EXCUSES TO HIDE ONE'S ONE WEAKNESS WAS MERELY TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM REALITY.

+LET US NOT WASTE OUR TIME AND ENERGY FIGHTING SHADOWS WHEN THE REAL THREAT IS RIGHT THERE BEFORE OUR VERY EYES+, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE TIME FOR LIVING IN A FANTASY WORLD WAS OVER AND THE PEOPLE TODAY HAD TO FACE REALITY AND THE NECESSITY TO TAKE REAL MEASURES.

PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN FAIRY TALES AND ACTED ACCORDING TO THEIR BELIEF WERE LAUGHED AT BY ENEMIES WHO WERE AWARE OF THE TRUE SITUATION.

MANY ISLAMIC COUNTRIES HAD BANNED ZIONIST ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING THE FREEMASON MOVEMENT BUT THIS HAD NOT GIVEN THEM THE KEY TO SUCCESS.

+DID THEIR ACTION RESULT IN ISRAEL LYING DEAD IN THE BATTLEFIELD?+

--MORE 1248/AN

MAHATHIR-FREEMASON 3 KUALA LUMPUR

EARLIER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR TOOK TO TASK A PERSON WHOM HE DID NOT HOWEVER NAME FOR SPREADING LIES THAT UMNO AND THE GOVERNMENT WERE CONTROLLED BY FREEMASONS.

HE SAID THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE MOVEMENT WAS GOOD OR BAD WAS A SECONDARY MATTER.

THE CENTRAL ISSUE WAS THAT THIS PERSON, WHO CLAIMED TO CHAMPION THE ANTI-FREEMASON CAUSE, HAD THE IMPERTINENCE TO ALLEGE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER, HIS POLITICAL SECRETARY, UMNO AND THE GOVERNMENT WERE CONTROLLED BY THE FREEMASON MOVEMENT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL HAD BEEN UNDER OBSERVATION FOR SOME TIME AND +IF THERE EVER WAS A WOLF IN A SHEEP'S CLOTHING, THEN HE IS ONE+.

THIS PERSON'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDED TABLING OF AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION IN THE 1978 UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ALLEGING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD PERMITTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF +DOG RACING+ IN THE PKNS BUILDING AND THE OPENING OF ILLEGAL BETTING SHOPS FOR IT. --MORE 1414/AN

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THE PERSON HAD ALSO SET UP A COMPANY WITH A NAME VERY SIMILAR TO THAT OF A MALAY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION OF WHICH HE IS THE HEAD AND APPLIED FOR A PIECE OF GOVERNMENT LAND UNDER THE COMPANY.

AFTER GETTING THE APPROVAL, THE NAME ON THE TITLE TO THE LAND WAS CHANGED TO THAT OF A COMPANY WHICH HE OWNED AND THE LAND SOLD TO A NON-BUMIPUTRA FOR SETTING UP OF A RECREATIONAL CENTRE THAT DID NOT HAVE ANY MALAY CHARACTERISTIC.

WHEN THE CENTRE FAILED, THE LAND WAS SOLD TO A NON-BUMIPUTRA COMPANY.

ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, THE PERSON HAD ALSO MADE USE OF THE BUMIPUTRA OR MALAY STATUS TO WORK AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF MALAYS.

+HE IS VERY VOCIFEROUS IN ACCUSING OTHER MALAYS OF NOT BEING TRUE MUSLIMS OR TRUE BUMIPUTRAS, OR OF BEING ZIONISTS OR OF NOT RESPECTING BAHASA MALAYSIA.

+HE HAS A LIST PURPORTEDLY OF MEMBERS OF THE FREEMASON MOVEMENT AND USES THIS SO-CALLED LIST AS A WEAPON TO BE WAVED EACH TIME SOMEONE ELSE GETS SOMETHING+.

--MORE 1417/AN

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THE LIST, ACCORDING TO THE PRIME MINISTER, WAS ALWAYS BEING AMENDED. SOMETIMES NEW NAMES WERE ENTERED ONLY TO BE DROPPED LATER.

+WHENEVER THIS PERSON HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE AN ACCUSATION, HE WOULD USE THE OPPORTUNITY WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE TRUE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CASE+.

ON THE ACCUSATION THAT THE UMNO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAS A FREEMASON, DATUK SERI DR.MAHATHIR SAID THE PERSON IN QUESTION, LIKE MANY OTHER MALAYS, JOINED THE MOVEMENT AT ONE TIME + BECAUSE OF FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES+.

+HOWEVER, THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND MANY OF THE OTHER MALAYS HAVE LEFT THE MOVEMENT.

+THEY ARE NO LONGER BOUND TO THEIR SO-CALLED FREEMASON OATH BECAUSE SUCH OATHS ARE NOT VALID FOR MUSLIMS.

+THEY HAVE REPENTED THEIR ACTION+, HE SAID.

--MORE 1420/AN

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ON CALLS FOR A PURGE OF THESE PEOPLE, DATUK SERI DR.MAHATHIR POINTED OUT THAT EVEN MURDERERS COULD BE FORGIVEN IN ISLAM, WHAT MORE AN OFFENCE WHICH WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A YOUTHFUL FOLLY.

+SHOULD WE STILLEXPEL THEM WHEN THEY HAVE REPENTED AND RETURNED TO SOCIETY? DOES NOT ISLAM RECOGNISE REPENTENCE?+.

HE EXPLAINED THAT THE UMNO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAS APPOINTED TO THE POST BECAUSE HE HAD VOLUNTEERED HIS TIME AND EFFORT FOR THE PARTY'S CAUSE.

THE UMNO PARTY HAD GONE FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH IN DECTIONS WIT HIS HELP.

IF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAS REALLY A FREEMASON AGENT, THEN HE HAD BEEN A DISMAL FAILURE AS AN AGENT, DATUK SERI DR.MAHATHIR ARGUED.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT HE AND OTHER LEADERS IN THE PARTY WERE AWARE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND WERE SATISFIED WITH HIS LOYALTY TO THE PARTY.

---BERNAMA 1425/AN