

MAHATHIR - RELIGION
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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 12 (BERNAMA)-- THE GOVERNMENT WILL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF DEVIATIONIST TEACHINGS AND THE DISUNITY AMONG MUSLIMS IN THE COUNTRY, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE REGULATIONS WERE BEING STUDIED AND WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED SOON.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID THIS WHEN REPLYING TO POINTS RAISED AT THE 33RD UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE.

HE SAID THAT THOUGH THE REGULATIONS WOULD NOT BE IN THE FORM OF AN ACT OF PARLIAMENT, THEIR EFFECTIVENESS WOULD BE AS WHAT THE DELEGATES HOPED FOR.

LAST NIGHT, THE ASSEMBLY APPROVED A MOTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNMENT TO INSTITUTE AN ACT TO TACKLE THE DEVIATIONIST TEACHINGS PROBLEM. -- MORE 1755/AH

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IN HIS SPEECH, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO DEFENDED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS; STEPS TO REALISE THE +LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE+ CONCEPT AND THE +LOOK EAST+ POLICY.

HE CRITICISED SOME DELEGATES WHO HAD QUESTIONED THE LOYALTY OF GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AS A WHOLE.

HE SAID THAT ONLY SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICERS HAD NEGATIVE ATTITUDES, WERE INDIFFERENT OR ANTI-GOVERNMENT.

+THE MAJORITY OF THEM ARE LOYAL AND DEDICATED.

+IF NOT FOR THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE GENERAL ORDERS, MANY OF THEM WOULD WANT TO JOIN UMNO,+ HE ADDED. --
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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IT WAS NOT FAIR TO MAKE A GENERAL SWEEPING STATEMENT AGAINST ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND THIS COULD AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM AND THE POLITICIANS.

HE SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND POLITICIANS TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

ON SALARY CUTS OF MINISTERS, HE SAID THE SUM OF \$1,000 TO BE DEDUCTED FROM HIS PAY WAS SMALL BUT IT WAS A SINCERE GESTURE.

+THE QUESTION OF BIG OR SMALL SHOULD NOT ARISE.

+WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS TO SET AN EXAMPLE,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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HE SAID THE SAME APPLIED TO THE WEARING OF NAME TAGS BY MINISTERS.

+IF WE WANT OTHERS TO DO IT, WE MUST INITIATE IT,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO EXPRESSED REGRET THAT SOME MALAY YOUTHS WERE CHOOSY ABOUT JOBS AND WERE NOT PREPARED TO ABIDE BY THE REGULATIONS WHILE AT WORK.

FOR EXAMPLE, HE SAID, SEVERAL WORKERS AT A RESTAURANT SET UP BY JAPANESE FIRM AND FIMA HERE WERE MORE WILLING TO LEAVE THEIR JOBS THAN GETTING THEIR HAIR CUT AS DIRECTED BY THE MANAGEMENT.

ON THE LOOK EAST+ POLICY, HE SAID THAT BESIDES SENDING MALAYSIANS FOR TRAINING IN JAPAN AND SOUTH KOREA, THE GOVERNMENT ALSO HAD PLANS TO BRING INSTRUCTORS FROM THE TWO COUNTRIES TO CONDUCT TRAINING IN MALAYSIA. -- BERNAMA 1805/AH