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MAHATHIR-ULAMAK
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ALUR SETAR, NOV. 27 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR-
MOHAMAD) TODAY CRITICISED A POLITICAL PARTY FOR USING THE TERM
'ULAMAK' TO DECEIVE THE MUSLIMS TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN POLITICAL
END.

WITHOUT MENTIONING THE PARTY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE
SAME PARTY HAD ALSO USED ISLAM AND THE KURAN FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.
'NOW MEMBERS OF THE PARTY CLAIMING TO BE ULAMAKS ARE WILLING
TO TOPPLE THE LEADER THEY ONCE ADMIRER,' HE SAID AT A THANKSGIVING
CEREMONY AT KAMPUNG TITI KERBAU, CHANGLOON, ABOUT 50 KM FROM HERE.

WHILE QUESTIONING THE CREDIBILITY OF THE GROUP AS ULAMAKS,
DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WANTED TO KNOW WHO APPOINTED THEM AS
ULAMAKS WHEN AN ULAMAK WOULD NEVER CLAIMED TO BE ONE.

'THE MUSLIMS KNOW THAT AN ULAMAK HAS A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF ISLAM
AND IS OF GOOD CHARACTER AND WOULD NEVER CONDEMN OTHERS. AN ULAMAK
WOULD NEVER BE APPOINTED AN ULAMAK THROUGH VOTING AS PRACTISED IN
THAT PARTICULAR PARTY,' HE SAID.

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IN ITS STRUGGLE THE PARTY USED DIRTY
TACTICS WHICH HE SAID WOULD ONLY CAUSE MISERIES TO THOSE WHO
DEPLOYED THEM.

'THOSE WHO USED RELIGION OR THE KURAN TO PROJECT THEMSELVES
POLITICALLY WOULD ULTIMATELY SUFFER,' HE SAID.

HE, HOWEVER, SAID THAT SOME OF THE PARTY'S LEADERS HAD REPENTED
BUT THERE WAS STILL A GROUP WHO WAS WILLING TO MAKE USE OF THE KURAN
FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL ENDS, HE SAID.

'THEY CLAIMED THEMSELVES AS ULAMAKS BECAUSE THEY WANTED THE
POWER TO SACK MEMBERS WHO THEY CONSIDERED NO LONGER CHAMPIONED
THE CAUSE OF ISLAM,' HE ADDED.

THESE GROUP OF PEOPLE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, ARE YOUNG AND
CONSIDER THEMSELVES GREATER THEN THEIR PARTY.

DESCRIBING THE GROUP AS 'GREEDY' HE SAID THEY IGNORED THE
PARTY'S CONSTITUTION AND WAS WILLING TO TOPPLE THEIR PRESENT LEADERS.

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'THEY ARE IMPATIENT TO WAIT RESULTING IN THE FIGHT FOR POWER,'
HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID SUCH HAPPENINGS WOULD NOT OCCUR
IN UMNO OR THE BARISAN NASIONAL BECAUSE 'THAT IS NOT OUR STYLE.'

UMNO'S STRUGGLE IS SOLELY FOR THE PEOPLE AND THIS HAD BEEN PROVEN
BY THE VARIOUS DEVELOPEMENT PROJECTS AND ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE
SINCE INDEPENDENCE, HE SAID.

HE ADDED THAT THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT WAS
REFLECTED IN THE APRIL GENERAL ELECTIONS WHEN THE BARISAN NASIONAL
WAS RETURNED TO POWER.

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