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BANGI, APRIL 10 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CRITICIZED MALAY VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BODIES, WHICH ALLOWED THEIR MOVEMENTS TO BE DIVIDED INTO FACTIONS THEREBY WEAKENING THEIR ORGANISATIONS ON THE WHOLE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS TREND WAS NOT HEALTHY AS DIVISIONS INTO FACTIONS LIKE ULAMAKS AND NON-ULAMAK'S GRADUATES AND NON-GRADUATES AND SIMILAR COMPARTMENTALIZATION COULD WEAKEN PERFORMANCE OF THE MALAY COMMUNITY.

+IT IS ALRIGHT FOR THE EXISTENCE OF THIS GROUP OR THAT GROUP SO LONG AS THEY WERE BASED ON UNITED EFFORTS TOWARDS A COMMON FINAL OBJECTIVE OF THE STRUGGLE,+ HE ADDED.

+HOWEVER, IF SUCH GROUPS ONLY PERPETUATE ATTITUDE OF SELF-GRANDUER LIKE,+ I AM MORE IMPORTANT AND I HAVE MORE RIGHT, THEN IT WOULD GICE RISE TO SEEDS OF DISCORD AMONG THE MALAYS,+ HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS OPENING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE PENINSULAR MALAY STUDENTS FEDERATION (GPMS) AT UNIVERSITY KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA HERE. -- MORE 1850/OM

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IN THIS CONTEXT, HE URGED ALL ORGANIZATIONS TO HOLD ON TO THE PROVERB +UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL+ WHICH SHOULD ALSO BE THE BASIS FOR THE SUCCESS IN ALL THEIR STRUGGLES.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO HIT OUT AGAINST THE +TIDAK APA+ AND NEGATIVE ATTITUDES OF A LARGE SECTION OF THE MALAY COMMUNITY IN CERTAIN ISSUES.

HE SAID OTHER NEGATIVE ATTITUDES INCLUDE OVER DEPENDENCE ON OTHERS, ON THE GOVERNMENT AND ON THEIR LUCK.

THIS ATTITUDES ARE SO RIFE AMONG THE MALAYS THAT EVEN IN RELIGION THEY ARE SOME WHO EXPECT ALL FORMS OF AIDS, FROM PLACE OF WORSHIP, PRAYER MATS, CUP AND SAUCERS TO CASH SUBSIDIES TO HOLD RELIGIOUS GATHERING, HE ADDED. -- MORE 1855/OM

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IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION, HE SAID THERE WERE SOME MALAY STUDENTS WHO FELT THAT HAD A RIGHT TO HAVE PLACES IN HIGHER INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING AND +WHEN THEY ARE THERE THEY HAVE TO BE FORCED TO STUDY, TO ATTEND LECTURES, TUTORIALS AND TO DO THIS AND THAT+.

+MALAY STUDENTS NEGLECT BAHASA MALAYSIA BECAUSE THEY ASSUME THAT IT IS THEIR MOTHER TONGUE, WHILE CHILDREN OF OTHER RACES ACHIEVE BRILLIANT RESULTS IN THE LANGUAGE THROUGH THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS,+ HE ADDED.

HE URGED ALL CONCERNED TO REALIZE THIS FACT THAT +WE ARE WEAK RACE AND NO AMOUNT OF AID COULD PROVIDE LONG TERM BENEFITS+.

HE STRESSED THAT IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MALAYS THEMSELVES TO OVERCOME THE WEAKNESS OF THEIR COMMUNITY. -- MORE 1915/OM

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO URGED THE MALAY INTELLECTUALS FROM ALL FIELDS, PARTICULARLY FROM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, TO PARTICIPATE IN VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS TO RAISE THE CAPABILITIES OF THE MALAYS IN FIELDS WHICH STILL NEEDED ATTENTION AND GUIDANCE.

BESIDES THIS THEY SHOULD ALSO ADJUST THEIR ROLE AND STRUGGLE TO RAISE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MALAYS SO THAT IT WAS IN LINE WITH THE PRESENT PROGRESSIVE ERA.

TO ACHIEVE THIS LEVEL, ALL DIFFICULTIES AND WEAKNESSES SHOULD BE OVERCOME EVEN IF SUCH WEAKNESSES WERE BITTER TO FACE, HE ADDED.

HE ALSO CRITICIZED THE ATTITUDE OF SOME MALAY CHILDREN BORN AFTER MERDEKA WHO WERE UNABLE TO FULLY UNDERSTAND THE BITTER STRUGGLE OF THEIR FORE-FATHERS IN RAISING THE DIGNITY OF THE COMMUNITY.

+WHAT IS MOST REGRETFUL IS THEIR ATTITUDE OF CRITICISING THE NATION LIKE FOREIGNERS WITHOUT BEING GRATEFUL FOR THE PRESENT PEACE AND HARMONY IN THE NATION+, HE SAID. -- MORE 1939/OM

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO THE PATRON OF THE GPMS WAS LATER MADE A LIFE MEMBER. HE WAS PRESENTED WITH A CERTIFICATE.

OTHERS MADE LIFE MEMBERS WERE DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH MOHAMAD ALI, THE PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE, WHO WAS ONE THE FOUNDER MEMBERS OF GPMS, THE GPMS FIRST PRESIDENT, DATUK PADUKA ABDUL WAHAB ARIF, UKM VICE-CHANCELLOR, TAN SRI AWANG HAD SALLEH, AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF EDUCATION (ONE), MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, DATUK ABDUL RAHMAN ARSHAD. -- BERNAMA 1940/OM