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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 16 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHANAD SAID THE PREPAREDNESS OF MALAYSIAN YOUTH TO STAND SOLIDLY BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD SERVE AS A REMINDER TO FOREIGN POWERS OUT TO THREATEN THE COUNTRY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: "FOREIGN POWERS HAVING EVIL INTENTION TOWARDS MALAYSIA SHOULD TAKE NOTE THAT THE PEOPLE WILL NOT LET ANYONE DESTROY THE HONOUR AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE COUNTRY."

HE WAS SPEAKING AFTER RECEIVING A YOUTH DELEGATION COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES AT THE RMAF BASE HERE ON HIS RETURN FROM KELANTAN.

THE DELEGATION COMPRISED AMONG OTHERS UMNO YOUTH LEADER ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM, MCA YOUTH LEADER DATUK LEE KIM SAI AND MIC YOUTH CHIEF ENCIK M. MUTHUPALANIAPPAN.

ENCIK ANWAR, ON BEHALF OF THE DELEGATION, HANDED OVER TO THE PRIME MINISTER A WRITTEN PLEDGE EXPRESSING FULL SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNMENT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP IN WHATEVER STEPS IT TAKES TO COUNTER THE SOVIET THREAT TO AID INSURGENTS IN ASEAN COUNTRIES.

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ENCIK ANWAR, WHO IS DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT, RELATED TO THE PRIME MINISTER THE ATTITUDE OF THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR WHO REFUSED TO RECEIVE THE PROTEST NOTE CONDEMNING THE SOVIET THREAT WHEN A 10-MEMBER YOUTH DELEGATION MET HIM AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY THIS MORNING.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR THANKED THE YOUTHS FOR THEIR COURAGE TO STAND SOLIDLY BEHIND THE GOVERNMENT AND FACE TOGETHER WHATEVER CONSEQUENCES WHICH MIGHT RESULT FROM THE SOVIET THREAT.

"THE SPIRIT SHOWN BY THE YOUTHS IS IMPORTANT AS THE NATION FACED SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES SINCE AS FAR BACK AS 1948," HE SAID.

HE SAID MILLIONS OF RINGGIT HAD BEEN SPENT TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE NATION AND IF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT IN THE COUNTRY RECEIVED FOREIGN AID, THEN THE NATION COULD BE DESTROYED.

HE HOPED THE COURAGE OF THE YOUTHS SHOULD NOT STOP AT HOLDING RALLIES ONLY TO PROTEST THE SOVIET THREAT.

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HE HOPED AN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LAUNCHED BY THE YOUTH WINGS OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES TO CREATE A SENSE OF AWARENESS AMONG MEMBERS ON THE DANGERS OF FOREIGN POWERS MEDDLING IN THE COUNTRY'S AFFAIRS.

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