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JITRA, MAY 1 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CRITICISED A CERTAIN UMNO MEMBERS WHO WERE TRYING TO FORM GROUPS WITHIN THE PARTY TO DERIVE BENEFITS FOR THEMSELVES.

HE SAID SUCH MEMBERS, MANY OF WHOM WERE LIEUTENANTS OF LEADERS, GATHERED UMNO MEMBERS INTO GROUPS OF 'THIS DATUK SERI'S OR THAT DATUK'S PEPLE', IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THEIR LEADERS' STANDING SO THAT THEIR OWN POSITION TOO WOULD IMPROVE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, WAS OPENING THE 21ST KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION'S DELEGATES' MEETING AT JENAN NEAR HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE HEAD OF THE DIVISION, SAID THAT SUCH ACTIONS, WHICH WERE QUITE WIDESPREAD, COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE STRENGTH OF THE PARTY.

HE SAID HE HAD NO 'CLIQUE' WITHIN UMNO AND WAS PREPARED TO HELP ANYONE SO LONG AS THE REQUESTS WERE FAIR. -- MORE 1500/II

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HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THERE WERE ALLEGATIONS THAT HE ONLY HELPED HIS FRIENDS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT EVERYONE IN THE COUNTRY WAS HIS FRIEND.

THE PRIME MINISTER URGED UMNO MEMBERS ESPECIALLY THE LEADERS NOT TO BE EXTRAVAGANT.

HE SAID THERE WERE LEADERS WHO USED MORE EXPENSIVE PAPER THAN THAT USED BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

HE ALSO URGED UMNO DIVISIONS AND BRANCHES NOT TO BE DEPENDENT ON OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE TO FINANCE THEIR ACTIVITIES.

TOO MUCH OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE COULD MAKE UMNO LEADERS LOSE THEIR BEARINGS AND THIS WOULD WEAKEN THE PARTY'S STRUGGLE. -- MORE 1505/II

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO LOSE HIS JOB IF HE DID NOT CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES PROPERLY.

'I DO NOT INTEND TO BE A LEADER FOR LIFE,' HE SAID.

-- BERNAMA 1506/II

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT LEADERS OF AN OPPOSITION PARTY WOULD COME TO THE AREA USING RELIGION IN ITS PROPAGANDA.

HE SAID THE PARTY HAD BEEN RESTRUCTURED WITH THE ULAMAKS HOLDING THE REINS.

HE PREDICTED ANOTHER CRISIS FOR THE PARTY, SAYING THAT THE RECENT CHANGE WAS ONLY FOR SHOW. -- BERNAMA 1542/MB