

MAHATHIR - DONATION

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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 23 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT PAID TRIBUTE TO THOSE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE COUNTRY WHO WERE GENEROUS WITH THEIR DONATIONS.

+I AM PROUD THAT THERE ARE MANY RESIDENTS, ESPECIALLY IN KUALA LUMPUR, WHO ARE WILLING AND WHO ARE NEVER TIRED OF PROVIDING DONATIONS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES,+ ADDED THE PRIME MINISTER, WHEN HE ADDRESSED THE +MALAM GUMBANGSIH+ OF THE UMNO YOUTH AT A LEADING HOTEL HERE.

HE SAID: +WE SHOULD, SOMETIMES, GIVE OURSELVES A PAT ON THE BACK BECAUSE OF OUR GENEROSITY.+

AT THE FUNCTION, THE PRIME MINISTER RECEIVED A CHEQUE FOR \$250,000 FROM THE UMNO YOUTH FOR THE UMNO HEADQUARTERS COMPLE WHICH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

THE CHEQUE WHICH CAME FROM A DONATION DRIVE BY THE UMNO YOUTH, WAS HANDED OVER BY ITS LEADER, ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM, WHO IS ALSO A DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT.

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF UMNO, ALSO CONGRATULATED THE UMNO YOUTH FOR ITS SUCCESS IN GATHERING SO MANY DONORS AND HE HOPED THAT MORE DONORS WOULD COME FORWARD WITH DONATIONS IN FUTURE.

HE FELT THAT THERE WERE MANY PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY WHO COULD AFFORD TO DONATE BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR FIELDS.

HE ALSO FELT THAT THERE WERE THOSE WHO, DESPITE THEIR HIGH INCOMES, WERE NOT WILLING TO DONATE.

IN THE FUNCTION, SYARIKAT MITSUBISHI OF JAPAN, DONATED A SPORTS CAR -- +STARION+ TURBO EX -- TO THE UMNO YOUTH THROUGH THE PRIME MINISTER.

THE CAR, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN MALAYSIA, WAS LATER SOLD TO A DONOR FOR \$60,000. --MORE 2325/MD

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BUT IN THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE, THE NAME BECAME (STARION+, HE ADDED, DRAWING LAUGHTER FROM THE GATHERING WHICH INCLUDED DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM.

THE DINNER WAS ALSO ENTERTAINED WITH SOME CULTURAL DANCES FROM THE SENI BUDAYA SABAH TROUPE AND SONGS BY SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN ARTISTES. THE ARMY ORCHESTRA WAS IN ATTENDANCE.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO HANDED TROPHIES TO NATIONAL SPORTSMAN, RABUAN PIT, AND SPORTSWOMEN, ZAITON OTHMAN, WHO ARE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE UMNO YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION. --BERNAMA 2330/MD