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BANGI, MAY 27 (BERNAMA) --/DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE MALAYS MUST CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE OF WANTING TO ENJOY A COMFORTABLE LIFE THROUGH THE EFFORTS TO OTHERS BUT MUST INSTEAD STRIVE TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES.

HE ADDED THAT OTHERWISE IT WOULD NOT BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE MALAYS TO BE +PARALYSED+ AND WIPED OUT AS HAD HAPPENED TO OTHER RACES WHO REFUSED TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE TO SUIT THE CHANGING TIMES.

THEY MUST ACCEPT THIS REALITY OR THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO PROGRESS AND SEE FOR THEMSELVES THAT THE COUNTRY'S WEALTH HAD BENEFITED OTHERS WHO WERE WISE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE WEALTH HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING AT THE LAUNCHING OF AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ORGANISED BY THE VILLAGE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND KARYANEKA AT UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN (UKM) HERE. ALSO PRESENT WAS DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH, WHO IS THE CHAIRMAN OF KARYANEKA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.
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HE SAID THAT THERE WERE AMPLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ANYONE WISHING TO SEEK WEALTH BUT UNFORTUNATELY THERE WAS AN ABSENCE OF AWARENESS AMONG THE MALAYS THAT ONLY THROUGH HARD WORK COULD THEY IMPROVE THEMSELVES.

HE REMINDED THEM THEY COULD NO LONGER MAKE USE OF THE +VOTING THREAT+ TO GET SOMETHING FROM THE GOVERNMENT SUCH AS SUBSIDIES AND OTHER AMENITIES.

+BUT SINCE IT HAS BEEN EASY TO GET EVERYTHING FOR FREE WE HARDLY THINK HOW WE COULD IMPROVE OURSELVES BECAUSE ALL THE THINGS HAD BEEN GIVEN EASILY,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR THIS WOULD WEAKEN THE MALAYS BECAUSE +AN UNUSED MIND AND BODY WOULD BECOME PARALYSE AND WEAK+.

THE VOTING POWER OF THE MALAYS WOULD ONE DAY BE INEFFECTIVE AND THEY WOULD BECOME WEAK AND BE EASILY EXPLOITED.

THAT WAS WHY THEY SHOULD NOT HOPE TOO MUCH FOR ANYTHING BUT SHOULD INSTEAD WORK HARD FOR THEIR OWN GOOD AND WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY BE THEIR STRENGTH. --MORE 1352/MD

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HE SAID THAT THEIR LACK OF INITIATIVE HAD DENIED THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME RICH IN THEIR OWN LAND WHICH IS WELLENDOUED WITH TIN.

THEY DID NOT THINK THAT BY USING A CHANGKUL TO EXPLOIT THE TIN ORE THEY COULD BE COME RICH, HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IT WAS TIME FOR THE MALAYS, ESPECIALLY IN THE RURAL AREAS, TO CHANGE THEIR RURAL WAY OF LIFE AND BE HARDENED TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM PRESENT AND FUTURE THREATS.

-- BERNAMA 1415/OM