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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 4 (BERNAMA) -- SENSATIONALISM AND VIOLENCE  
HAVE NO PLACE IN MALAYSIAN POLITICS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR  
MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT MALAYSIA'S WAS THE POLITICS OF  
NEGOTIATIONS AND DIALOGUE WHERE COMMON SENSE TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER  
EMOTIONS AND SENSATIONALISM.

ADDRESSING THE MIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE, HE SAID THERE WERE  
LOCAL POLITICIANS WHO PREFERED METHODS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE COMMONLY  
PRACTISED IN THE COUNTRY.

THESE PEOPLE WERE UNHAPPY BECAUSE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES WERE  
TREATED IN A CALM AND DISCIPLINED MANNER, THE BARISAN NASIONAL  
CHAIRMAN ADDED.

THEY WERE DISSATISFIED BECAUSE THERE WERE NO POLITICAL STRIKES,  
INTERVENTION BY FOREIGN POWERS AND MURDER OF CHILDREN, OLD PEOPLE  
AND COMMUNITIES, HE SAID. --MORE 1240/MD

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID BARISAN NASIONAL MEMBERS SHOULD  
NEVER ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE AFFECTED BY THE CRITICISMS OF SUCH  
PEOPLE.

HE SAID THAT NOT ALL THE DEMANDS OF BARISAN MEMBERS -- WHETHER  
MALAYS AND OTHER BUMIPUTERAS, CHINESE OR INDIANS -- COULD BE MET.

MAJOR PROBLEMS WOULD ARISE IF ANY ONE GROUP COULD GET ALL IT  
WANTED THROUGH PRESSURE, HE ADDED.

THE ADMINISTRATION HAD TO CONSIDER THE INTERESTS OF ALL  
QUARTERS. ULTIMATELY, NATIONAL INTERESTS, WHICH DID NOT NECESSARILY  
COMPLY FULLY FULLY WITH THE WISHES OF ALL, MUST BE GIVEN PRIORITY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT NOT ALL THE DEMANDS OF THE  
MALAYS WERE MET, AND THE SAME APPLIED TO THE OTHER RACES.

+IF WE LOVE DEMOCRACY AND HARMONY, THE METHODS AND TRADITIONS  
WE PRACTISE IN BARISAN NASIONAL MUST BE CONTINUED AND SUPPORTED  
BY ALL,+ HE ADDED. --MORE 1250/MD

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT CERTAIN QUARTERS WERE CONSTANTLY CRITICISING THE BARISAN AND ACCUSING IT OF CURBING FREEDOM AND BEING UNDEMOCRATIC, BACKWARD AND CRUEL.

THEIR CRITICISMS HAD ONLY SERVED TO SPUR THE PEOPLE TO STRIVE TO PREVENT THE NATION FROM BEING DESTROYED BY ANY GROUP, HE SAID.

THE PEOPLE HAD CONSISTENTLY REJECTED VARIOUS GROUPS WHICH CLAIM THAT THEY COULD PRESENT A NEW SYSTEM AND IDEOLOGY AND BE A BETTER ALTERNATIVE TO THE BARISAN.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE FACT THAT MALAYSIA WAS A MULTI-RACIAL NATION WHICH NEEDED TO LIVE IN HARMONY COULD BE A SOURCE OF STRENGTH IF APPROACHED POSITIVELY.

ON THE OTHER HAND, IT COULD BE A SOURCE OF WEAKNESS IF VIEWED NEGATIVELY. --MORE 1413/MD

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AMONG INTELLECTUALS, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, THEORIES ON CONFLICT ABOUND TO THE POINT THAT THEY SAW EVERYTHING IN TERMS OF A CONFLICT.

AND THEY WOULD BE UNHAPPY IF THEIR THEORIES WERE CHALLENGED. --BERNAMA 1415/MD