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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 19 (BERNAMA) -- TWO DELEGATES TO THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE TODAY CRITICISED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAYING THAT HE WAS LOBBYING WHEN HE THANKED THE 1981 DELEGATES FOR ELECTING DATUK MUSA HITAM AS PRESIDENT.

ENCIK SHAMSURI SALLEH FROM PULAU PINANG SAID CERTAIN REMARKS THAT THE UMNO PRESIDENT MADE IN HIS ADDRESS THIS MORNING WERE A "DECLARATION OF WAR" FOR PEOPLE WISHING TO CONTEST IN YEAR'S PARTY ELECTIONS.

THE PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS SPEECH, THANKED THE DELEGATES TO LAST YEAR'S ASSEMBLY FOR ELECTING DATUK MUSA WITH WHOM HE SAID HE COULD WORK AS A TEAM.

ENCIK SHAMSURI, DURING THE DEBATE ON THE SPEECH, SAID: "LOBBYING IS NOT WRONG PROVIDED THE PARTIES CONCERNED DO NOT SLANDER ONE ANOTHER." -- MORE 1955/II
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ENCIK MOHAMED CIK MAT FROM MELAKA SAID HE WAS WORRIED THAT THE REMARKS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS LOBBYING FOR A CANDIDATE WHO COULD THREATEN NATIONAL POLITICS.

"AS LEADERS, WE SHOULD BE WELL-VERSED WITH GAMES OF BALANCING." HE SAID TO LOUD APPLAUSE.

HE SAID THE "LIEUTENANTS" ISSUE THAT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR RAISED WAS A SENSITIVE ONE AND COULD CAUSE CONFUSION AMONG UMNO MEMBERS.

"IN STRIVING TO FURTHER THE GOALS OF UMNO, WE SHOULD HAVE TEAM SPIRIT, AND SUCH COOPERATION INVOLVES MORE THAN JUST TWO PEOPLE," ENCIK MOHAMED SAID.

"EVEN IF WE PREFER A POLITICAL TEAM, WE SHOULD NOT MAKE IT SO CLEAR. WE SHOULD JUST DROP HINTS." MORE 2000/II

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HE SAID HE WAS WORRIED THAT THE REMARKS COULD BE TAKEN AS MEANING THAT DATUK DR MAHATHIR WAS TAKING SIDES, AND THIS COULD ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO GROUP INTO +GANGS.+

HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE DYNAMISM WHICH HE SAID THAT DATUK SRI DR MAHATHIR HAD SHOWN IN THE TWO YEARS THAT HE HAD BECOME PRIME MINISTER.

HE, HOWEVER, SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE NATION WAS EQUAL TO THE TASK OF ENSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE POLICIES FORMULATED.

HE REFERRED TO THE HEAVY INDUSTRIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS PLANNING, AND HOPED THE STUDIES WOULD BE CARRIED OUT TO ENSURE THAT THE NATION COULD MEET THE MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.

RAJA OTHMAN RAJA JAFAR FROM THE FEDERAL TERRITORY DOUBTED WHETHER THE +LIEUTENANTS+ AS DEFINED BY THE PRIME MINISTER TRULY EXISTED.

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HE SAID THAT THE LOBBYING THAT SOME PEOPLE CARRIED OUT WAS +IN THE RIGHT CONTEXT+ AND THEY DID SO BECAUSE THEY LIKED BEING IN UMNO.

TENGGU ABDUL AZIZ TENGGU JAAFAR SAID THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL DID NOT NEED LIEUTENANTS TO LOBBY SUPPORT FOR THEM TO BE RE-ELECTED NEXT YEAR.

HE SAID THE DELEGATES HAD THE RIGHT TO CHOSE AND TO GAUGE THE ABILITY OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR A SUPREME COUNCIL POST.

THE DELEGATES WOULD KNOW WHO HAD BEEN WORKING HARD FOR THE PARTY HE SAID. -- BERNAMA 2012/ZCM