

MAHATHIR-PLEDGE

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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 21 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD
DECLARED TODAY THAT HE LOVES UMNO MORE THAN HE LOVES HIMSELF.

AND HE SAID HE WANTS TO WORK SO HARD FOR UMNO THAT HE DESERVES A +KERJA SAMPAI MATI+ (WORK TO DEATH) MEDAL FROM THE PARTY.

AND EVEN IF I DIE (FROM HARD WORK) I WOULD NOT WANT A MAUSOLEUM BECAUSE WHAT WILL BE BURIED WILL BE MY BODY AND NOT MY SPIRIT. HE SAID WHEN WINDING UP THE DEBATE AT THE THREE-DAY UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

AND IT WOULD NOT MATTER IF YOU DID NOT COME TO MY GRAVE. HE ADDED IN REFERENCE TO A STATEMENT BY A DELEGATE THAT NO ONE ACCOMPANIED INDONESIAN PRESIDENT SUKARNO TO HIS GRAVE BECAUSE HE WAS A DICTATOR.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WOULD STRIVE TO BETTER THE LOT OF THE MALAYS AND STRIVE FOR ISLAM AND THE NATION AS LONG AS HE WAS UMNO PRESIDENT. -- BERNAMA 2137/PA