

MAHATHIR - MESSAGE R'R'R'
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EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AFTER 2100 HOURS TODAY, AUG. 30

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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 30 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT REMINDED THE PEOPLE TO ALWAYS LOOK TO THEIR ELEMENTS OF SIMILARITY RATHER THAN OF DIVERSITY IN NATION BUILDING AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT PROGRESS COULD ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF THE PEOPLE CONCENTRATED ON THEIR SIMILARITIES AND COOPERATION RATHER THAN ON THEIR DISSIMILARITIES AND DIFFERING INTERESTS.

IN HIS NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE TO THE NATION OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION MALAYSIA, HE ALSO URGED THE PEOPLE TO PLAY THEIR ROLE IN SAFEGUARDING THE INDEPENDENCE AND HONOUR OF THE COUNTRY ACHIEVED 26 YEARS AGO.

+WE MUST ALWAYS EXERCISE CARE TO ENSURE THAT NOTHING WILL JEOPARDIZE THE 26 YEARS OF EFFORTS TO BUILD OUR NATION,+ HE ADDED.

+THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRESERVING NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE AND HONOUR IS NOT THE DUTY OF ONLY THE LEADERS, GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, ARMY OR POLICE.+ -- MORE 1852/MK

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE PRIMARY ROLE OF THE PEOPLE IN SAFEGUARDING NATIONAL INTERESTS WAS TO ALWAYS ENSURE THAT COMMON AND LONG-TERM INTERESTS TOOK PRECEDENCE OVER INDIVIDUAL AND SHORT-TERM INTERESTS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, EVERY ACTION TO BE TAKEN SHOULD BE FIRST CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF THE SITUATION IN THE COUNTRY AND WEIGHED AGAINST ITS EVENTUAL BENEFIT OR HARM TO THE SOCIETY AND NATION.

+WE MUST REMEMBER THAT THE ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS ALTHOUGH NEGLIGIBLE IN THEIR SEPARATE IMPACT ARE CONSIDERABLE IN THEIR TOTAL EFFECT,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO NEVER FORGET THAT STABILITY WAS A PRICELESS COMMODITY.

THEY SHOULD NEVER AT ANY TIME ALLOW FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS TO OVERPOWER THEIR GOOD SENSE. -- MORE 2017/MK

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THE ACCEPTANCE OF REALITIES AND POLICIES BY ALL QUARTERS WOULD ENABLE THE PEOPLE TO COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THIS COOPERATION WOULD SURELY BRING GREATER RESULTS.

ON THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY (NEP), HE CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO RESPOND TO ITS REQUIREMENTS WITH SINCERITY, POINTING OUT THAT A SPEEDIER ACHIEVEMENT OF ITS OBJECTIVES WOULD MEAN A SHORTER PERIOD OF ITS ENFORCEMENT.

HE ALSO SAID THE NEP WAS NOT SO MUCH A STRATEGY FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF STATISTICAL GOALS AS A MEANS FOR BRINGING ABOUT A BALANCE IN EFFICIENCY AND CAPABILITIES.

HE SAID THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES WOULD ENSURE THAT ANY COMPETITION BETWEEN THE COMMUNITIES WOULD NOT BE AN UNEQUAL CONTEST WITH ONE SIDE HAVING AN ADVANTAGE AND EDGE IN CAPABILITY OVER THE OTHER.

+THE ABILITY TO COMPETE ON AN EQUAL FOOTING IN ALL ASPECTS WILL GIVE CONFIDENCE TO ALL GROUPS AND REDUCE FEELINGS OF SUSPICION TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER.+ -- MORE 2021/MK