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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 10 (BERNAMA)--DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CAUTIONED THE GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO WERE TRYING TO TURN THE COUNTRY INTO A REPUBLIC THAT THEY +ARE IN FOR A BAD SHOCK+ IF THEY PERSISTED WITH THEIR PLOT.

+AT THE MOMENT WE ARE NOT TAKING ANY ACTION AGAINST THEM BUT WE ARE WATCHING,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS WHEN COMMENTING ON DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK MUSA HITAM'S STATEMENT RECENTLY THAT THE GROUP WAS INFLUENCED BY LEADERS OF AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC WHO CLAIMED THAT MUSLIMS SHOULD NOT PRACTICE THE MONARCHY SYSTEM.

THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE GROUP WAS AFTER BUT +IF THEY ARE THINKING THEY CAN SET UP A REPUBLIC IN MALAYSIA, THEY ARE IN FOR A BAD SHOCK.+

INTELLIGENCE REPORT REVEALED THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY CLIQUE COMPRISED SEVERAL OPPOSITION PARTY LEADER, GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC STAFF, FORMER MILITARY OFFICERS AND EVEN EXECUTIVES FROM A LOCAL BANK.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HOWEVER DECLINED TO REVEAL THE IDENTITIES OF THOSE INVOLVED AND WHETHER THE OPPOSITION MEMBERS INVOLVED WERE HIGHER RUNG LEADERS OR ORDINARY MEMBERS.

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+I CAN'T REVEAL THE INTELLIGENCE REPORT OF ELSE, IT WOULD BE NO LONGER INTELLIGEN,+ HE SAID TO THE LAUGHTER FROM REPORTERS.

ANYWAY, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID LIKE ALL GROUPS THEY ALL BEGAN SMALL BUT +YOU DON'T KNOW HOW THIS SPREADS OR IT COULD BE EVEN SOME FURTIVE PLOT (API DALAM SEKAM AS THE MALAYS SAY), HE ADDED.

PAS HAD DENIED ITS INVOLVEMENT SAYING THE PARTY HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY PLOT TO SUBVERT THE PRESENT SOSIAL ORDER AND TO REPLACE IT WITH AN ISLAMIC REPUBLIC.

TO THIS THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: +PAS DID NOT COUNTER THE FACTS THAT SOME OF THEIR MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED.

+WHETHER IT IS THEIR OFFICIAL STAND OR NOT, IT IS A FACT THAT SOME OF THEIR MEMBERS ARE INVOLVED.--BERNAMA 1545/PA