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HEREWITH CORRECTED RPT:

BAGAN DATUK, NOV. 27 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO DOES NOT INTEND TO DO AWAY WITH CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY. DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD REAFFIRMED TODAY.

"WHAT WE WANT IS A COUNTRY WITH PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY, AND OUR PARLIAMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN THE POWER TO DETERMINE OUR FUTURE," THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

THEREFORE, UMNO WOULD STEADFASTLY HOLD ON TO CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY, HE SAID WHEN OPENING A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL AT PEKAN SELEKOH, 16KM FROM HERE.

HE REITERATED THAT THE UMNO LEADERSHIP AND ITS ORDINARY MEMBERS DID NOT HAVE THE SLIGHTEST INTENTION TO DO AWAY WITH CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED PARLIAMENT TO HAVE THE POWER BECAUSE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WERE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES.

DUE TO THIS, IT WAS CLEAR THAT PARLIAMENT SHOULD BE THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, HE ADDED.

-- MORE 2150/LK (END CORRECTED RPTN)

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HE EXPLAINED THAT THE NATION'S CONSTITUTION HAD TO BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME TO ENSURE THAT THE PEOPLE WERE NOT CONFUSED OR DID NOT MISUNDERSTAND ON A CERTAIN ISSUE.

"BECAUSE OF THIS, WE ARE WORKING TOWARDS ENSURING THAT ALL MATTERS OF THE NATION IS BASED ON A CONSTITUTION WHICH IS CLEAR TO ALL CONCERNED.

"THIS IS WHAT WE WISH TO DO BUT OUR ENEMIES HAVE TRIED TO DECEIVE THE PEOPLE BY SAYING THAT WE WISH TO SET UP A REPUBLIC," HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THERE WAS NO SYSTEM OTHER THAN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY WHICH COULD DETERMINE A PROSPEROUS LIFE FOR THE PEOPLE.

THE PRIME MINISTER REGRETTED THAT THERE WAS A SMALL GROUP OF MALAYS ~~WHICH WAS~~ INFLUENCED BY PROPAGANDA ~~FROM THE ENEMIES~~ THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS WORKING TOWARDS SETTING UP A REPUBLIC.

HE SAID THIS GROUP HAD ALSO PLAYED A ROLE IN TRYING TO WRECK UMNO.

-- MORE 2222/LK

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CORRECTION ''

RE BERNAMA ITEM N134 SLUGGED MAHATHIR-MONARCHY 2 BAGAN DATUK FIFTH PARA SHOULD READ: THE PRIME MINISTER REGRETTED THAT THERE WAS A SMALL GROUP OF MALAYS INFLUENCED BY PROPAGANDA THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS WORKING TOWARDS SETTING UP A REPUBLIC. -- BERNAMA