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KENINGAU; FFP - 19 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REVEALED THAT A BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTY HAD WORKED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT WITH REGARD TO MOVE-FEDERALIZE LABUAN.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD REFER THE MATTER TO UMNO TO BRING UP TO THE BARISAN NASIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL SO THAT THE PARTY WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE GROUPING.

HE SAID LEADERS OF THE PARTY HAD ATTEMPTED TO UNDERMINE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT ISSUE BY DISCUSSING WITH CERTAIN GROUPS OPPOSING THE GOVERNMENT OVER THE ISSUE THE POSSIBILITY OF TAKING THE ISSUE TO COURT ON GROUNDS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS WRONG IN PROPOSING THE AMENDMENTS.

RECENTLY? WHEN THE GOVERNMENT MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO UPGRADE LABUAN INTO A FEDERAL TERRITORY? THE PARTY LAUNCHED A SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN AMONG VILLAGERS TO OBJECT TO THE DECISION.

"ALTHOUGH THE LEADERS ACTED DISCREETLY, WE KNOW OF THEIR ACTIVITIES" HE SAID WHEN OPENING A THREE-DAY POLITICAL WORKSHOP HERE ORGANIZED BY THE BERJAYA YOUTH MOVEMENT. IT IS ATTENDED BY 250 MEMBERS OF THE BERJAYA, PBB AND UMNO YOUTH MOVEMENTS. -- MORE

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"I WILL PRESENT A FULL REPORT ON THE ACTIONS OF THESE PEOPLE TO THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BARISAN NASIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL SO THAT THE PARTY WILL BE EXPELLED FROM THE BARISAN NASIONAL," HE ADDED, TO APPLAUSE BY THE PARTICIPANTS.

SABAH CHIEF MINISTER DATUK HARRIS SALLEH WAS SEEN SMILING APPROVINGLY WHEN THE PRIME MINISTER MADE THE STATEMENT.

BERNAMA UNDERSTANDS THE EXPULSION QUESTION WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING ON FEB. 25.

"I CANNOT NAME THE PARTY BECAUSE AN OFFICIAL DECISION HAS NOT BEEN MADE AND ALSO BECAUSE WE UPHOLD THE RULES OF LAW IN THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION," HE SAID.

WHEN THOSE PRESENT SHOUTED "WE KNOW WHO," THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ALSO THE BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, MERELY SMILED.

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HE CALLED ON THE PARTY'S MEMBERS WHO STILL SUBSCRIBE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL TO LEAVE THE PARTY.

"I HOPE THAT MY OPINION ON EXPULSION OF THE PARTY IS SHARED BY THE BARISAN NASIONAL BECAUSE WE DO NOT NEED THESE PEOPLE IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL," HE SAID TO SHOUTS OF "WE SUPPORT" BY THE AUDIENCE.

"THEY THINK THEY ARE BEING SMART BY CARRYING OUT THEIR SCHEMES ON THE QUIET BUT IN MY OPINION, THEY ARE NOT ALL THAT SMART BECAUSE WHEN THEY WERE IN POWER IN A STATE THEY WERE TOPPLED AND LEFT THE STATE IN SHAMBLES."

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR FELT THE EXPULSION OF THE PARTY WOULD NOT BE A LOSS TO THE BARISAN NASIONAL AS IT DID NOT HAVE STRONG SUPPORT.

HE STRESSED THAT ALL COMPONENT PARTIES OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL SHOULD HONOUR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE PARTY'S STRUGGLES. "EVEN IF THEY DO NOT FULLY AGREE WITH ANY ACTION, THEY SHOULD STILL GIVE THEIR SUPPORT THROUGH THE CONCEPT OF CONSENSUS." -- MORE 2010/II

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"THERE IS NO PROBLEM IMPOSSIBLE TO RESOLVE IF ALL BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES UNITE AND STRENGTHEN THE PARTY'S RESILIENCE.

" BARIBAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES MUST ACCEPT THE PRINCIPLES AND STRUGGLES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND DISSENTERS SHOULD BE OUSTED. WE MUST PROTECT THE BARISAN NASIONAL FROM ANY ACTION THAT WILL WEAKEN IT."

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ALL BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES MUST BE WILLING TO SET ASIDE INDIVIDUAL PARTY INTERESTS AND TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE OVERALL INTERESTS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

HE REITERATED THE NEED TO PRESERVE STABILITY OF THE BN AND NATION ALTHOUGH THE COUNTRY PRACTISED THE SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY GUARANTEEING FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE TO CHOOSE THEIR LEADERS. -- MORE 2015/II

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THEY SHOULD HOWEVER BE CAREFUL OF LEADERS WHO WERE OUT TO GET A POSITION AND MADE +SWEET+ PROMISES WHEN THEY HAD NO INTENTION OF CARRYING OUT THEIR PROMISES.

"WE MUST BE CAREFUL TO CHOOSE LEADERS WHO CAN SERVE AND IMPLEMENT THE PEOPLE'S ASPIRATIONS AND NOT CHOOSE THOSE WHO HAVE ONLY THEIR OWN INTERESTS AT HEART BECAUSE WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE PEOPLE WILL SUFFER", HE ADDED.

A LEADER MUST HAVE THE COURAGE TO MAKING DECISIONS EVEN AT THE EXPENSE OF HIS POPULARITY BECAUSE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL DECISIONS TO PLEASE EVERYONE.

DATUK SERIDR:MAHATHIR SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL WAS A UNIQUE ORGANIZATION AND ALTHOUGH SOME OF ITS DECISIONS MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN POPULAR, IT STILL HAD THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE AND HAD SUCCEEDED IN STRENGTHENING POLITICAL STABILITY IN THE COUNTRY.

--BERNAMA 2027/AN