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SEREMBAN, MAY 4 (BERNAMA) --DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ADVISED UMNO MEMBERS NOT TO 'GO BEYOND THE LIMIT AND NEGLECT THEIR DUTIES IN CAMPAIGNING FOR THE PARTY ELECTIONS ON MAY 25.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HAD TO GIVE THE ADVICE IN VIEW OF UNHEALTHY IN THE CAMPAIGNING WHICH COULD WEAKEN UMNO.

+I FEEL THAT THE ON-GOING CAMPAIGN HAS GONE BEYOND THE LIMIT. THEY ARE NOT CONCENTRATING ON THEIR WORK BUT STRIVING TO PROJECT AN IMAGE TO SOLICIT SUPPORT FOR CERTAXN CANDIDATES.

+AS THE ELECTIONS ARE APPROACHING I ASK THAT CAMPAIGNING BE CUT DOWN. THOUGH THERE SHOULD BE CONTESTS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONSTITUTION, DO NOT BE TOO OBSESSED AND FORGET YOUR DUTIES,+ HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE $4.6 MILLION MANANGKABAU-STYLE WISMA UMNO NEGERI SEMBILAN BUILDING HERE. -- MORE 1532/SL

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'DATUK SERI DR. HAHATHXR ALSO ADVISED THE VARIOUS CONTENDERS FOR PARTY POSTS NOT TO BE CARRIED AWAY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE VICTORY TO THE EXTENT OF NEGLECTING THE INTEREST OF THE PARTY.

+IF WE LOSE, XT DOES NOT HATTER, THE SKY WILL NOT FALL, IT IS NOT THE END OF THE WORLD AS EVERYTHING WILL GO ON AS USUAL+, HE ADDED TO LAUGHTER FROM THOSE PRESENT.

THE UMNO PRESIDENT WAS CONCERNED WITH THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN TREND." WHICH INVOLVED GIVING RECEPTIONS WITHOUT CONSIDERING DAY OR NIGHT AND INVITING CONTESTANTS TO VISIT CERTAIN STATES.

+THERE ARE THOSE WHO GIVE OUT CASH AND UTTER WORKS WHICH TURN UMNO LEADERS AGAINST EACH OTHER+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IT WAS CLEARLY EVIDENT THAT THE METHOD ADOPTED FOR THE ELECTIONS HAD CHANGED FROM THE PAST WHEN ELECTIONS WRE HELD IN THE QUIET.

HE FELT THT THOUGH THE NEW STYLE OF CAMPAIGNING WAS NOT AGAINST' DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE IT WAS BOUND 'TO HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON UHNO. -- MORE 1550/WS

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+ THERE MAY BE PEOPLE WHO MAY SAY, IT IS EASY FOR HE TO ADVISE OTHERS NOT TO CAMPAIGN AS I HAVE BEEN RETURNED UNOPPOSED AS PRESIDENT BUT EVEN BEFORE I WAS DECLARED RETURNED UNOPPOSED, I DID NOT CAMPAIGN +

+ I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER I HAVE THE RIGHT OR NOT TO GIVE THIS ADVXCE BUT I BELIEVE THE ADVICE IS GOOD THOUGH IT COMES FROM SOME ONE WHO IS NOT CONTESTING,+ HE ADDED TO LAUGHTER FROM THE CROWD.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS CONCERNED OVER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO THE NATION IF UNHEALTHY CAMPAIGNS WERE CONTINUED AND PRACTISED BY ALL.

+ WE HAVE SEEN THE CONSEQUENCES OF GOING ALL OUT TO GAIN POWER AMONG POLITICAL PARTIES IN THIS COUNTRY.+

+TODAY WE HAVE NOT COME TO THE STAGE BUT WE ARE NOT FAR BEHIND IF WE LOOK BACK AT THE BRANCH AND DIVISIONAL LEVEL OF UMNO WHERE THEY HAVE LEARNT TO THROW CHAIRS+ HE SAID.

+ TODAY WE ARE ONLY THROWING CHAIRS, BUT TOMORROW MAY BE SOMETHING ELSE IN VIEW OF THE EXAMPLES WE HAVE+ THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED.--BERNAMA 1605/HM