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PETALING JAYA, JULY 21 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WANTS BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES TO STOP REFERRING DISPUTES TO THE COURTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN SAID TODAY THAT DIFFERENCES SHOULD BE RESOLVED WITHIN THE PARTY CONCERNED AND NOT PUBLICISED BY GOING TO THE COURTS FOR SETTLEMENT.

THE COMPONENT PARTIES SHOULD USE POLITICAL MEANS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS, HE ADDED WHEN OPENING THE 32ND MIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE SUBANG VIEW HOTEL HERE.

HE TOLD THE 1,000-ODD DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS: +THE PRACTICE OF REFERRING DISPUTES TO THIRD PARTIES LIKE THE COURTS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE.

+THERE SHOULD NOT BE CONFLICTS THAT; CANNOT BE SOLVED JOINTLY BY ALL CONCERNED. +-- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER WAS APPARENTLY ALLUDING TO DISPUTES WITHIN THE MCA AND THE MIC WHICH HAD BEEN REFERRED, TO THE COURTS.

HE REGRETTED, HE SAID, THAT THE +DISEASE+ OF PUTTING PERSONAL INTERESTS ABOVE; THOSE OF THE PARTY OR, EVEN, NATION WAS SPREADING.

HE WARNED BARISAN COMPONENT PARTIES. THAT IF THEY WERE NOT CAREFUL, THIS COULD SPELL THE END, OF THE COALITION'S RULE.

HE FEARED THAT EXPOSURE OF DISPUTES IN THE COURTS AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF OUTSIDERS IN THESE PARTY MATTERS WOULD REDUCE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE MEMBERS AND PEOPLE IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PARTY CONSTITUTION AND APPROPRIATE CHANNELS WERE THERE FOR SEEKING SETTLEMENT OF ANY DISPUTE, AND 'WHATEVER' THE DECISION MADE SUBSEQUENTLY SHOULD BE READILY ACCEPTED. -- MORE

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+AS LONG AS WE ADHERE TO THIS, WE CAN BE SURE THAT DIFFERENCES WILL BE SETTLED WITHIN THE PARTY, WITHOUT PUBLICISING PROBLEMS AND SHORTCOMINGS, + HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT EVEN THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE LAND COULD MAKE A DECISION THAT NOT ALL WOULD AGREE WITH. BUT PEOPLE WOULD ACCEPT IT CALMLY BECAUSE THEY REALIZED THAT THERE MUST BE A FINAL DECISION IN ANY MATTER.

+IF THE DECISIONS OF THE HIGHEST COURT ARE CHALLENGED, THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE CHAOS ALWAYS. THE SAME THING APPLIES TO PARTY DECISIONS, + HE ADDED.

HE SAID THE POWER-SHARING SYSTEM OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL, SET UP MORE THAN A DECADE AGO, MUST BE +JEALOUSLY+ PROTECTED.

IN FIGHTING FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITIES THEY REPRESENT, BARISAN COMPONENT PARTIES MUST ENSURE THAT RACIST SENTIMENTS WERE NOT AROUSED. -- MORE

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HE SAID THAT EVERY COMPONENT PARTY MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER ITS RESPONSIBILITY IN PRESERVING BARISANNASIONAL HARMONY AND UNITY AND REFRAIN FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT COULD WOUND THE HEARTS OF THE OTHER COALITION PARTNERS.

IT SHOULD ENSURE THAT IT DID NOT DO OR SAY ANYTHING THAT COULD HURT THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE OTHER COMPONENT PARTIES OR AGENCIES OR ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

CONFLICT WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES WAS ONLY NATURAL, BUT DISPUTES AMONG THE COMPONENT PARTIES OR WITH THE BARISAN ADMINISTRATION WERE UNHEALTHY? HE SAID.

IF SUCH DISPUTES OCCURRED, IMMEDIATE ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE ILL-EFFECTS.

DATUK SERI SAID THAT ANY GRIEVANCE THAT A COMPONENT PARTY MIGHT HAVE AGAINST THE ACTION OF ANOTHER COMPONENT PARTY OR AGENCY OR ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE BARISAN, SHOULD BE BROUGHT UP THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE CHANNELS.--MORE

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WE CANNOT AVOID HAVING PROBLEMS NOW AND THEN IN OUR POWER-SHARING. WE MUST ALSO REMEMBER THAT NOT ALL THE DEMANDS OF A COMPONENT PARTY COULD BE MET BECAUSE THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED MUST BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT, HE SAID.

ALL THE PRINCIPLES AGREED TO AND CONSIDERED REASONABLE SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE UPHELD FOR THE GOOD OF THE BARISAN.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE COMPONENT PARTIES SHOULD SETTLE ANY PROBLEM THAT AROSE IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION, CONSENSUS AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. --- BERNAMA