

MAHATHIR-MULLAH R'R'R'

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EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE-AFTER 9.30 P.M. TODAY, AUG. 30

KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 30 (BERNAMA) -- THE PRIME MINISTER TONIGHT EXPOSED THE ATTEMPT BY CERTAIN QUARTERS TO SET UP MULLAH RULE, IN THE COUNTRY AND SAID THE SYSTEM IS NOT ONLY UNISLAMIC, BUT ALSO CONTRADICTORY TO ISLAM.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WANTS THE PEOPLE TO BE ALERT TO THOSE TRYING TO PASS OFF THE MULLAH SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT AS AN ISLAMIC SYSTEM IN THEIR BID TO BRING ABOUT SUCH A REGIME IN THE COUNTRY.

+IN FACT, THE MULLAH SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION IS NOT ISLAMIC. MOREOVER, IT RUNS COUNTER TO ISLAMIC PRINCIPLES.

+IT FIRST EMERGED SOME CENTURIES AFTER THE DEATH OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD AND CALIPH AL-RASHID AT A TIME WHEN ISLAM HAD GONE INTO A DECLINE AND IT WAS BASED ON FANATICISM, + HE ADDED IN HIS NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE TO THE NATION., -THE MESSAGE FOR THE 27TH NATIONAL DAY WAS CARRIED OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION MALAYSIA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THE MULLAH SYSTEM WAS A DICTATORSHIP PROPAGATED BY A POWER-HUNGRY GROUP. --MORE

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+WE MUST THEREFORE BE CAREFUL OF THOSE WHO WOULD USE DEMOCRACY TO INSTAL A SYSTEM THAT WILL PUT AN END TO DEMOCRACY ITSELF, + HE SAID.

+THESE PEOPLE WANT TO SET UP AN OLIGARCHY, OR COMMUNIST OR MULLAH RULE WHICH THEY ARE TRYING TO PROMOTE AS AN ISLAMIC SYSTEM. +

HE SAID THEY WANTED TO BE A LAW UNTO THEMSELVES, AND PUNISH AND CARRY OUT PUNISHMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLES OF JUSTICE.

+ALL OTHER SYSTEMS AND REGULATIONS THAT DO NOT VENERATE AND EMULATE THE MULLAH SYSTEM ARE REGARDED AS UNISLAMIC AND SECULAR BY THEM, + HE ADDED IN A VEILED REFERENCE TO THE PAS PARTY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THESE ELEMENTS HAD BEGUN LABELLING MUSLIMS AS KAFIRS (UNBELIEVERS) INDISCRIMINATELY, AND BOYCOTTING AND RUNNING DOWN ANYONE WHO DID NOT ACCEPT THEIR INTERPRETATION. --MORE HE SAID THE PAS WISHED TO FORCE ALL COMMUNITIES AND FOLLOWERS OF OTHER RELIGIONS TO BOW TO THEM.

TODAY THEY WERE USING DEMOCRACY TO GAIN THEIR OBJECTIVE. BUT HE FEARED THAT ONCE THEY HAD THE POWER, THEY WOULD USE IT TO NOT ONLY KILL DEMOCRACY BUT ALSO OPPRESS THE PEOPLE WITH MULLAH RULE.

HE REMINDED THAT IN ISLAM, THERE WAS NO INTERMEDIARY OR INTERCESSOR WHO WAS FREE FROM ALL SINS BETWEEN THE FAITHFUL AND GOD.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO DEFENDED THE COUNTRY'S SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY BASED ON THE WESTERN MODEL, SAYING ALL PEOPLE HAD ACKNOWLEDGED THE MERITS OF THE SYSTEM WHICH GAVE THEM THE POWER TO ELECT THE GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOICE.

+IN OUR EFFORTS TO PURSUE A HIGHER LEVEL OF HAPPINESS AND WELL-BEING, IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR US TO DISCARD ALL SYSTEMS SOLELY BECAUSE THEY WERE SIMILAR TO THE PRACTICES OF THE COLONIALISTS OF THE PAST, + HE ADDED.

THIS STATEMENT IS IN RESPONSE TO A CLAIM BY PAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION ADOPTED FROM THE COLONIALISTS CONFLICTED WITH ISLAM, THUS MAKING THE GOVERNMENT KAFIR. --MORE

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+WE SHOULD DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN THOSE THAT BRING US BENEFIT AND THOSE THAT BRING US HARM. DEMOCRACY IS CLEARLY MUCH BETTER THAN A FEUDAL SYSTEM OR AN AUTOCRACY WHERE THE SUFFERING OF THE MAJORITY MAY NOT COME TO THE ATTENTION OF THE RULING POWER.+

HOWEVER, DEMOCRACY WOULD NOT BRING GOOD SOLELY BECAUSE IT WAS A GOOD SYSTEM. MANY COUNTRIES PRACTISING DEMOCRACY FAILED BECAUSE OF OTHER WEAKNESSES

THIS WAS BECAUSE DEMOCRACY REQUIRED A SUITABLE ATTITUDE AT ALL LEVELS OF ITS ADHERENTS. THE FREEDOM GIVEN BY DEMOCRACY WAS NOT FREEDOM WITHOUT LIMITS BUT ONE WITH THE COMMON GOOD IN MIND.

IF DEMOCRACY WAS USED WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITY, TO DESTROY PEACE AND ORDER OR TO SEIZE POWER, IT WOULD NOT BRING HAPPINESS JUST BECAUSE IT GAVE THE PEOPLE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE THEIR GOVERNMENT. ---MORE

MAHATHIR-MULLAH 5 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO) -

THE POWER TO CHOOSE, LIKE ANY OTHER POWER, COULD CORRUPT. +WE MAY FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO TAKE AN UNWISE MEASURE JUST TO SATISFY OUR SHORT-TERM INTERESTS.+

AN EXAMPLE WAS UNREASONABLE DEMANDS MADE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

+WE KNOW THAT IF THESE DEMANDS ARE ENTERTAINED, THE COUNTRY AND WE OURSELVES WILL SUFFER THE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES; BUT BECAUSE WE KNOW WE DECIDE THE FATE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE ELECTIONS, WE STILL MAKE SUCH DEMANDS.

+EVENTUALLY, THE COUNTRY WILL BE DESTROYED. DEMOCRACY WILL BE DESTROYED. ONCE MORE, DEMOCRACY WILL BRING BAD DESPITE ITS INHERENT GOOD.+

ON DEVELOPMENT IN DEMOCRACY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID DEMOCRACY BY ITSELF COULD NOT DEVELOP THE COUNTRY. --MORE
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DEMOCRACY ONLY PROVIDED THE POTENTIAL BY WHICH THE PEOPLE COULD DEVELOP THE COUNTRY.

HE REGRETTED THAT AFTER 27 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THANKFUL FOR THE BENEFITS OF INDEPENDENCE ENABLING THEM TO DETERMINE THE COURSE OF THEIR OWN FUTURE HAD DIMINISHED.

HE NOTED THAT NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION WERE BORN AFTER MERDEKA AND BECAUSE THEY HAD NEVER EXPERIENCED THE BITTERNESS OF BEING COLONIZED, MANY AMONG THE YOUNG GENERATION DID NOT KNOW HOW TO BE THANKFUL FOR INDEPENDENCE.

THEY CONSIDERED INDEPENDENCE AS SOMETHING ORDINARY AND NOT A BLESSING FROM GOD.

+BECAUSE OF THIS, THEY DO NOT HAVE THE SPIRIT OF NATIONALISM, THE SPIRIT THAT HAD MADE THEM AN INDEPENDENT PEOPLE. ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY BELITTLED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND LOOKED DOWN ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY. --MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED THE PEOPLE TO REVIVE THE NOBLE VALUES AND ACKNOWLEDGE THE BENEFITS THEY HAD RECEIVED. +LET US HOPE WE WILL BE INDEPENDENT FOREVER.+

HE REMINDED MALAYSIAN CITIZENS THAT THEY SHOULD BE THANKFUL MERDEKA DID NOT BRING ALL SORTS OF CATASTROPHES, INVASION BY ANOTHER COUNTRY OR FRATRICIDAL WAR AS HAD HAPPENED IN OTHER COUNTRIES.---

HE SAID THAT THERE WERE NOW MANY COUNTRIES THAT HAD BEEN CRUELLY COLONIZED AND OPPRESSED UNTIL THE PEOPLE HAD TO RISE AGAINST THEIR OPPRESSORS ALTHOUGH THEIR OPPRESSORS WERE OF THE SAME RELIGION AS THEM.

+SOMETIMES WE FIND THAT THE COLONIZED COMMUNITIES HAD BEEN SEPARATED FROM THEIR RELIGION, CULTURE AND RACIAL ORIGIN. EVENTUALLY, A FORM OF GENOCIDE WOULD TAKE PLACE IN WHICH THE COLONIZED PEOPLE LOSE THEIR ORIGINAL IDENTITY AND WITH THIS, WIPED OUT FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH FOREVER.+

HE SAID MALAYSIANS WERE SO FORTUNATE BECAUSE AFTER INDEPENDENCE THEY WERE ABLE TO REVIVE THEIR COMMUNAL, RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL IDENTITY, LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH ONE ANOTHER AND TOGETHER DEVELOP THE COUNTRY. - - M O R E

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+ANYONE WHO IS NOT THANKFUL FOR THE SITUATION IN MALAYSIA IS SURELY A PERSON WHO DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO BE GRATEFUL AND REPENTANT.+ DESPITE SOME MISUNDERSTANDING AND ALIENATION AMONG THE COMMUNITIES, THE SITUATION IS NOT SO BAD AS TO CAUSE OUTBREAK OF TURMOIL.

DATUKSERI DR MAHATHIR CONCEDED THAT A LOT MORE NEEDED TO BE DONE TO GIVE THE PEOPLE A BETTER LIFE, MORE FACILITIES, AND IMPROVED INCOMES AND OPPORTUNITIES.

*WE WANT ALL THESE IMMEDIATELY BUT WE MUST ALSO BE RATIONAL AND RECOGNIZE THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF MEETING THIS DEMAND. WE HAVE TO IMPROVE OUR STANDARD OF LIVING GRADUALLY,+ HE ADDED. --BERNAMA