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ALOR SETAR, MARCH 28 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CALLED ON MEMBERS OF BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES TO BE PREPARED FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION. 85 (P)

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH DATE FOR THE ELECTION HAD NOT BEEN FIXED, THEY SHOULD GEAR ALL THEIR MACHINERIES TO PREPARE FOR IT.

THEY MUST SAFEGUARD THEIR UNITY WHEN FACING STRONG AND ORGANISED OPPOSITION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN SAID WHEN ADDRESSING ABOUT 5,000 BARISAN NASIONAL SUPPORTERS WELCOMING HIM AT KEPALA BATAS AIRPORT HEAR HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH IS HERE ON A TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE STATE.

HE REGRETTED FOR THE DELAY IN HIS ARRIVAL BUT WAS GLAD TO NOTE THAT THEY HAD PATIENTLY WAITED FOR HIM IN SPITE OF THIS AND THE DOWNPOUR.

+THIS IS A REFLECTION OF THE STRONG SPIRIT OF UNITY WITHIN BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES,+ HE SAID. -- MORE.
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ON THE WAR BETWEEN TWO ISLAMIC COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THIS WAS A SAD THING WHERE MUSLIMS WERE KILLING EACH OTHER.

THIS WAS NO THE WAY OF ISLAM WHICH PREFERS DISCUSSION IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS, HE ADDED.

UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, CERTAIN GROUP OR OPPOSITION PARTY IN THE COUNTRY GLORIFIED THIS AS AN ISLAMIC STRUGGLE.

HE ALSO URGED BARISAN NASIONAL LEADERS AND MEMBERS TO EXPLAIN TRUTHFULLY GOVERNMENT'S POLICY TO THEIR SUPPORTERS TO AVOID THEM BEING MISLED BY OPPOSITION. -- BERNAMA.

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