

0295

U E426 AAE
MAHATHIR-ADVICE
BM

(P)

JITRA, MAY 11 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ADVISED UMNO MEMBERS NOT TO RETALIATE AGAINST GROUPS WHICH ACCUSED THEM OF BEING +KAFIR+ (INFIDELS) OR WHICH CLAIM THAT THEIR LEVEL OF ISLAM IS MORE SUPERIOR.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT AS MUSLIMS WHO ADHERED TO THE TRUE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM, UMNO MEMBERS NEED NOT BE AGGRESSIVE TOWARDS THOSE WHO BRANDED THEM AS +KAFIR.+

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD MEET THESE GROUPS AND ADVISE THEM TO RETURN TO THE TRUE PATH OF ISLAM, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID WHEN OPENING THE KUBANG PASU UMNO DELEGATES MEETING IN JENAN HERE.

HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH THESE GROUPS DID NOT ATTEND UMNO GATHERINGS, PARTY MEMBERS SHOULD FINDS WAYS TO MEET AND TALK TO THEM.

UMNO STRUGGLED NOT ONLY FOR ITS MEMBERS BUT FOR THE WHOLE MALAY AND MUSLIM COMMUNITY, HE ADDED. -- MORE

1351MST 11 05 85

MAHATHIR-ADVICE 2 JITRA

ON THE STRUGGLE FOR POSTS IN UMNO, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT ALL THOSE WHO CONTESTED FOR POSTS SHOULD CARRY OUT THEIR CAMPAIGN IN A MANNER WHICH WAS GENTLEMANLY AND DEMOCRATIC.

THEY SHOULD NOT BE OVERZEALOUS IN THEIR AIM TO BECOME LEADERS SO MUCH SO THAT UNITY OF THE PARTY WAS SACRIFICED, HE SAID.

+THERE IS NO USE IF WE BECOME LEADERS BUT THE MEMBERS BECOME DIVIDED BECAUSE OF A KEENLY-CONTESTED ELECTION.

+THE PURPOSE OF US BECOMING LEADERS IS TO SEE OUR FOLLOWERS UNITED. THERE WILL BE NO MEANING IF WE LEAD AN ORGANISATION, OR AN UMNO DIVISION FOR THAT MATTER, WHICH IS DISUNITED,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
1539MST 11 05 85

MAHATHIR-ADVICE 3 JITRA

+IN POLITICS, THERE IS NO MEANING IF SOMEONE BECOMES A LEADER OF AN ORGANISATION WHOSE MEMBERS ARE DISUNITED,+ HE POINTED OUT.

THE PRIME MINISTER URGED THE PEOPLE TO BE PREPARED TO MAKE SACRIFICES FOR THE INTEREST OF THE FUTURE.

HE SAID THAT 20 YEARS AGO, THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH KOREA SACRIFICED FOR THE NATION BY EATING ONLY LOW QUALITY RICE AND EXPORTING THE GOOD QUALITY GRAINS.

DUE TO THEIR SACRIFICE AND HARD WORK, THEY WERE NOW IN A POSITION TO BUY HIGH-QUALITY RICE FOR CONSUMPTION FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, HE ADDED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES WERE UNABLE TO FIGHT ISRAEL BECAUSE THEY WERE DISUNITED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS RETURNED UNOPPOSED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION, WHILE KEDAH MENTERI BESAR DATUK PADUKA HAJI OSMAN AROFF AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR HAJI HANAFI RAMLI WERE RETURNED UNOPPOSED DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN. -- BERNAMA
1607MST 11 05 85