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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 12 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED UMNO MEMBERS CONTESTING FOR PARTY POSTS NOT TO CONDUCT +UNCONVENTIONAL+ CAMPAIGNS BECAUSE SUCH PRACTICE CAN DESTROY THE PARTY.

THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID CAMPAIGNS USING MONEY, BELITTLING ONE'S OPPONENTS AND FORMING ONE'S +OWN CABINET+ WOULD ONLY BRING HARM TO THE PARTY.

ACTS LIKE PLOUGHING MONEY INTO CAMPAIGNS WERE SYNONYMOUS WITH BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION, HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE AMPANG JAYA UMNO DIVISION'S INAUGURAL MEETING AT BANGUNAN RISDA HERE.

SUCH CAMPAIGNS SHOULD BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY AND THE CANDIDATES SHOULD LET THE MEMBERS DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES THEIR CAPABILITY, HE SAID.

+A LEADER IS JUDGED ON HIS SERVICE TO THE PARTY, MEMBERS AND NATION, HIS PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIOUR AND NOT HIS BELITTLING OF OTHER PEOPLE OR SETTING UP OF HIS OWN CABINET OR HIS USE OF MONEY.+
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE OVER-ENTHUSIASM DISPLAYED BY THE CANDIDATES IN THE PARTY ELECTIONS NOW COULD BE DUE TO THE BELIEF AMONG THEM THAT THE GENERAL ELECTION WOULD BE HELD NEXT YEAR.

HE SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT BY BEING ELECTED DIVISIONAL HEADS THEY WOULD BE SELECTED TO BECOME CANDIDATES AND POSSIBLY BECOME ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND HENCE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS, MENTERIS BESAR AND EVEN THE PRIME MINISTER.

+WHETHER OR NOT THE GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD NEXT YEAR WILL DEPEND ON MANY FACTORS AND LIKEWISE WHETHER THOSE ELECTED AS DIVISIONAL HEADS WILL BE SELECTED TO BECOME ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WILL ALSO DEPEND ON SEVERAL FACTORS AND CONSIDERATIONS,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT IF EVERY DIVISIONAL HEAD WERE TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION THEN THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THE UMNO HEADQUARTERS TO HAVE THE CANDIDATE SELECTION COMMITTEE.

DRAWING THE DELEGATES' ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT TOMORROW IS MAY 13, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR REMINDED UMNO MEMBERS OF +OUR NEAR DEFEAT+ IN THE 1969 GENERAL ELECTION. -- MORE
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IN THAT ELECTION, THE THE ALLIANCE PARTY LOST PULAU PINANG, WAS NEARLY DEFEATED BY THE PEOPLE'S PROGRESSIVE PARTY (PPP) IN PERAK AND ALMOST FAILED TO SECURE THE MANDATE TO SET UP THE SELANGOR STATE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT 39 YEARS AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UMNO MANY OF ITS MEMBERS BECAME HAUGHTY, AS THEY FELT THAT UMNO WOULD NEVER BE BEATEN.

+SUCH AN ASSUMPTION IS DAMAGING. DO NOT FEEL THAT THE 1969 INCIDENT WILL NOT BE REPEATED. IF WE DO NOT LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES WE WILL BE PUNISHED AGAIN,+ HE SAID.

HE REMINDED THE MEMBERS NOT TO ASSUME THAT THERE WAS NO OTHER PARTY WHICH COULD REPLACE UMNO.

THE PEOPLE, IF THEY DISLIKED UMNO, WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT ANOTHER PARTY EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE AWARE THAT SUCH AN ACT WOULD NOT BENEFIT THEM, HE SAID.

BECAUSE OF THAT HE ADVISED EVERY UMNO MEMBER TO BE CAREFUL IN THEIR ACTION AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THEY WOULD TRAIN THEMSELVES TO BECOME TRUE MEMBERS WHO UNDERSTOOD THE PARTY'S STRUGGLES AND HISTORY AND THE SPIRIT OF ITS ESTABLISHMENT IN THE 1940S AND 1950S.

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE FATE OF THE MALAYS WAS TIED WITH UMNO AND IF THE PARTY FAILED THE MUSLIMS IN THE COUNTRY WOULD FACE BAD TIMES.

+WITH THAT, WE MUST STOP THE BAD WAYS THAT WE HAVE JUST STARTED. RETURN TO THE PARTY'S ORIGINAL STRUGGLE. SET ASIDE SELF-INTEREST AND GIVE PRIORITY TO THE PARTY INTEREST,+ HE ADDED.

PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH ALI, SELANGOR MENTERI BESAR AND AMPANG JAYA DIVISIONAL CHIEF DATUK HAJI AHMAD RAZALI ALI AND THE HEADS OF THE SELANGOR AND FEDERAL TERRITORY DIVISIONS.

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