

D637

B E690 AAE  
MAHATHIR-SERVICE  
BM

85

(P)

KUALA BERANG, MAY 19 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WAS TODAY CONFERRED THE TITLE OF +KERJA SAMPAI MATI+ (SERVE UNTO DEATH) BY THE HULU TERENGGANU UMNO DIVISION AND QUIPPED THAT HE HOPED THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT INTERPRET IT TO MEAN THAT HE INTENDED TO BE THE PRIME MINISTER FOR LIFE.

THE UMNO PRESIDENT ALSO HOPED OTHER PARTY LEADERS WOULD NOT REGARD THE TITLE AS A SIGN OF +UMNO'S APPROVAL FOR THEM TO HOLD PARTY POSTS FOR LIFE.+

OPENING THE HULU TERENGGANU DIVISION DELEGATES CONFERENCE HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THE PARTY DID NOT WANT ITS LEADERS TO THINK THAT AFTER BEING ELECTED TO POSTS, NO ONE +CAN DISTURB+ THEM.

HE SAID THIS IN RESPONSE TO THE SPEECH MADE BY DIVISION HEAD DATUK HAJI AHMAD SIDI EARLIER.

DATUK AHMAD SIDI HAD SAID THAT IF THE HIGHEST OF AWARDS WERE TO BE CONFERRED ON THE PRIME MINISTER, THE DIVISION WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BESTOW ON HIM THE TITLE OF +KERJA SAMPAI MATI+ IN RECOGNITION OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S REFUSAL TO GIVE IN TO EXHAUSTION OR FATIGUE IN CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES.

HE ALSO SAID THE DIVISION WAS TAKING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE HIM THE TITLE FOR FEAR THAT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MIGHT BE INFLUENCED BY RUMOURS AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS RECENTLY OF HIS +IMMINENT RETIREMENT.+ -- MORE  
1719MST 19 05 85

D637

B E691 AAE  
MAHATHIR-SERVICE 2 KUALA BERANG

+THE COUNTRY AND UMNO STILL NEED THE SERVICES OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND, IF POSSIBLE, LET HIM CONTINUE TO GIVE SERVICE UNTIL THE END OF HIS LIFE,+ DATUK HAJI AHMAD SIDI ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID A LEADER COULD CONTINUE TO OFFER HIS SERVICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR AS LONG AS HE WAS ABLE, WAS WILLING TO WORK HARD AND ENJOYED THE BLESSINGS OF THE PEOPLE.

--BERNAMA

1724MST 19 05 85