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BATU PAHAT, JUNE 28 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT THERE ARE MUSLIM FANATICS IN THE COUNTRY WHO ARE SO ENGROSSED IN SECTS OR GROUPS THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO PUT ASIDE THE OVERALL ISLAMIC INTERESTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THEY WERE EVEN WILLING TO KILL TO PROPAGATE THEIR SECT OR GROUP FOR THEIR OWN SELFISH ENDS AND THIS, HE POINTED OUT, WAS AGAINST THE OVERALL ISLAMIC INTERESTS.

+THESE PEOPLE ONLY BRING DISASTER TO ISLAM,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOLD THOUSANDS OF UMNO MEMBERS OF THE PARIT SULONG UMNO DIVISION AT SEKOLAH KEBANGSAAN SERI SEJATI, PARIT BASRI ABOUT 32 KM FROM HERE.

+WE DO NOT LIKE TO OPPOSE THEM BUT WE HAVE TO SHOW THEIR FAULTS TO THE WORLD SO THAT THEY CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE RIGHT PATH,+ HE ADDED.

THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE PARTY WAS FORMED SOLELY FOR THE INTERESTS AND THE UNITY OF THE MALAYS AND MUSLIMS IN THE COUNTRY.

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THEREFORE, HE SAID, THE MALAYS SHOULD BE UNITED IN UMNO SO THAT UNDESIRABLE EVENTS LIKE THOSE IN LEBANON AND PALESTINE DID NOT OCCUR IN MALAYSIA.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS SAD AND REGRETTEED THE ACTS OF THE SHI'ITE MUSLIMS WHO WERE WILLING TO KILL THE PALESTINIANS IN SABRA AND CHATTILA.

IT WAS IN THESE AREAS THAT THE PALESTINIANS WERE EARLIER KILLED BY LEBANESE CHRISTIANS WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE ZIONISTS, HE SAID.

+THE SHI'ITES ARE NOW CARRYING OUT THE WORK OF THE ZIONISTS, THEY ARE KILLING THE MUSLIMS WITH THE AIM OF FULFILLING THE NEEDS OF AND SAVING THE ZIONISTS,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

HE SAID THAT DUE TO DISUNITY AMONG MUSLIMS IN WEST ASIA, THEY WERE OVERCOME BY THE ZIONISTS WHO WERE SMALLER IN NUMBER.

IN THIS CONNECTION, HE URGED MUSLIMS IN MALAYSIA TO BE ALWAYS UNITED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR POLITICAL POWER AND ENHANCE THEIR ECONOMIC STANDING.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WERE UMNO YOUTH CHIEF ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM, WHO IS AGRICULTURE MINISTER, AND JOHOR UMNO LIAISON CHIEF DATUK AJIB AHMAD, WHO IS JOHOR MENTERI BESAR. -- BERNAMA
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