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KULIM, JULY 19 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY TOLD POLITICIANS TO STOP INTERFERING IN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS SUCH AS THE AWARDING OF TENDERS, SAYING THEY SHOULD LEAVE THE TASK TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ENTRUSTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY.

THE ROLE OF POLITICIANS WAS TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THE OFFICERS SHOULD BE LEFT ALONE TO CARRY OUT THEIR DUTIES PROPERLY AND EFFICIENTLY.

"POLITICIANS SHOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AS THIS MIGHT CREATE HAVOC IN THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE KULIM/BANDAR BARU UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES' MEETING AT SERDANG, 28 KM FROM HERE.

HOWEVER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID, CERTAIN POLITICIANS, LIKE THE PRIME MINISTER, CABINET MINISTERS, MENTERIS BESAR, CHIEF MINISTERS AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS COULD +PLAY THEIR ROLES UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE PORTFOLIOS AS GUARDIANS OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES.+ -- MORE  
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#### MAHATHIR-TENDER 2 KULIM

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, URGED UMNO MEMBERS TO HELP FURTHER CONSOLIDATE THE POSITION OF THE PARTY, WHICH HE SAID WAS THE BACKBONE OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

HE SAID THE STRENGTHENING OF THE PARTY WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT THE MEMBERS BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLE, IRRESPECTIVE OF RACE OR BACKGROUND.

ONLY WITH A STRONG GOVERNMENT COULD THE PEOPLE CONTINUE TO LIVE IN PEACE AND PROSPERITY, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIANS OUGHT TO FEEL THANKFUL FOR THE TRANQUILLITY THEY WERE ENJOYING, WHICH WAS THE RESULT OF UMNO'S BELIEF IN DEMOCRACY AND CHAMPIONING OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION.

SOME OTHER COUNTRIES, SUCH AS LEBANON AND NORTHERN IRELAND, HAD BEEN WRACKED BY VIOLENCE BECAUSE THEIR PRACTICE OF DEMOCRACY HAD BENEFITTED ONLY CERTAIN GROUPS IN THEIR SOCIETY. -- MORE  
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#### MAHATHIR-TENDER 3 KULIM

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR COMMENDED THE KULIM/BANDAR BARU UMNO DIVISION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ENCIK ABDUL KADIR SHEIKH FADZIR FOR ITS HEALTHY DEVELOPMENT AND ABSENCE OF MAJOR PROBLEMS.

HE SAID THIS SHOWED THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DIVISION HAD THE SUPPORT OF ALL MEMBERS, AND ADDED THAT THIS SHOULD BE EMULATED BY OTHER UMNO DIVISIONS. -- BERNAMA  
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