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-- UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD REITERATED TODAY THE WARNING OF STERN ACTION AGAINST PARTY LEADERS WHO USE THE PARTY TO ENRICH THEMSELVES.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING AN UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HERE, HE STRESSED THAT THE PARTY WAS NOT AGAINST LEADERS SEEKING WEALTH AS LONG AS THIS WAS MADE THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS.

HOWEVER, FIRM ACTION AWAITED THOSE WHO TRIED TO USE PARTY INFLUENCE FOR THE PURPOSE.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID TODAY'S MEETING DID NOT FOCUS ON THE INCIDENCE OF +MONEY POLITICS+ SAID TO HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PARTY.

HE SAID UMNO HAD DRAWN UP A STRATEGY TO COUNTER THE PROBLEM INCLUDING THE PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE PARTY CONSTITUTION TO ENABLE THE PARTY TO ACT AGAINST THOSE INVOLVED. --MORE

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ON PROBLEMS IN THE PARTY, HE SAID ANY PROBLEM AT BRANCH OR DIVISIONAL LEVEL COULD BE SETTLED WITHOUT THE DISPUTANTS DRAGGING EACH OTHER TO COURT.

HE SAID THE PARTY CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE AMENDED TO ENSURE MEMBERS +ENTERED INTO AN AGREEMENT+ WITH THE PARTY TO EXHAUST ALL PARTY AVENUES FOR SETTLING DISPUTES FIRST BEFORE GOING TO THE COURT.
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