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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 29 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS) DISEASE THAT IS SWEEPING THE WORLD IS GOD'S PUNISHMENT TO MAN FOR STRAYING ONTO THE WRONG PATH.

THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID GOD HAD DESTROYED SODOM IN ANCIENT TIMES FOR THE PEOPLE'S DEBAUCHERY, EXTINGUISHING THEIR RACE WITH A TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE

HE TOLD THE PARTY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY HERE THAT AIDS HAD SPREAD EVEN TO ISLAMIC COUNTRIES WHICH, ACCORDING TO HIM, SHOULD NOT HAVE THE DISEASE AT ALL.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO SAID HE WAS SPEAKING AS A DOCTOR, SAID THAT NORMALLY, DISEASES COULD BE CURED THROUGH THE PATIENT'S BIOLOGICAL DEFENCE MECHANISM WITH THE HELP OF DRUGS.

BUT IN THE CASE OF AIDS, THE DISEASE DESTROYED THE IMMUNITY SYSTEM, LEAVING THE VICTIM HELPLESS AND INEVITABLY FACING DEATH.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO REFERRED TO THE TOUCHING OF PATIENTS BY DOCTORS, PARTICULARLY MUSLIM DOCTORS, SAYING THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG IN THIS AS LONG AS IT WAS PART OF THE DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURE. -- BERNAMA

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