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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 29⁸⁵ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY TOOK TO TASK SEVERAL UMNO LEADERS WHOSE NEGATIVE BEHAVIOUR HE SAID WAS MAKING A MOCKERY OF THE +LEADING BY EXAMPLE+ SLOGAN. (P)

THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID THE SLOGAN, AND OTHERS AS WELL, WAS DESIGNED TO LIFT THE MORALE OF THE PEOPLE IN THE EFFORT TO BUILD A HAPPY NATION.

WINDING UP DEBATE ON HIS PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AT THE PARTY GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE, HE SAID A SMALL GROUP OF LEADERS WAS NOT MAKING ANY ATTEMPT TO SET GOOD EXAMPLES THAT THE PEOPLE COULD EMULATE BUT WAS INSTEAD EXHIBITING DEPLORABLE BEHAVIOUR.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT EVEN THOUGH LEADERS WERE HUMAN AND PRONE TO MISTAKES, THEY SHOULD TRY TO AVOID NEGATIVE ACTIONS.

AT THE SAME TIME, HE CHIDED THE PEOPLE FOR PICKING ON ONE LEADER WHO HAD BAD POINTS WHEN THERE WERE PROBABLY NINE OTHERS WERE WERE A SHINING EXAMPLE OF LEADERSHIP. -- MORE

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HE ADVISED THE PEOPLE TO FOCUS ON THE GOOD POINTS OF A LEADER AND NOT +TO MAKE TOO MUCH OF THE OTHER ASPECTS.+

HE SPOKE OF HOW THE DELEGATES HAD QUESTIONED WHY THE MINISTERS HAD NOT COME FOR THE ASSEMBLY IN THEIR PROTON SAGAS AS HE HIMSELF HAD DONE.

HE SAID INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK RAIS YATIM DID ARRIVE IN HIS SAGA BUT APPARENTLY NO ONE NOTICED.

AND ON WHY UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT DATUK MUSA HITAM DID NOT COME IN A SAGA, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE FORMER HAD BOUGHT THE CAR FOR HIS DAUGHTER, WHO WAS NOT ATTENDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

+I AM MORE FORTUNATE BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH I BOUGHT THE SAGA FOR MY WIFE SHE IS ATTENDING THIS ASSEMBLY AND I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET A LIFT FROM HER,+ HE SAID TO THE LAUGHTER OF THE GATHERING. -- MORE

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ON CALLS BY DELEGATES TO MINISTERS NOT TO BECOME +TOO CLOSE+ WITH CERTAIN GROUPS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE MINISTERS, INCLUDING HIMSELF, DID NOT WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF BEING INFLUENCED BY ANY QUARTER IN MAKING ANY DECISION.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE MINISTERS HAD TO MEET EVERYBODY, ESPECIALLY IF THEY WERE TO SOLVE THE PEOPLE'S PROBLEMS. -- BERNAMA
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