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JITRA, NOV 14⁸⁵ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY ADVISED NON-MALAYS NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY THE +POLITICAL CONSPIRACY+ OF PAS WHICH HE SAID IS ASPIRING TO GAIN POWER IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

PAS WAS NOT ONLY PREPARED TO SELL THE SPECIAL RIGHTS OF THE MALAYS BUT ALSO READY TO SELL RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES TO GET THE SUPPORT OF THE NON-MALAYS AND GAIN POWER, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) CHAIRMAN WAS SPEAKING AT A MEETING WITH 200 LEADERS OF BN COMPONENT PARTIES IN THE KUBANG PASU DIVISION AT THE UMNO BUILDING HERE.

IN THE PAST, PAS AND ITS LEADERS DID NOT WANT TO COOPERATE WITH NON-MALAYS BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED IT CONTRARY TO THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM, HE SAID.

+BUT NOW PAS IS READY NOT ONLY TO HOODWINK THE NON-MALAYS BUT ALSO TO SELL THE DIGNITY AND SPECIAL RIGHTS OF THE MALAYS FOR THE SAKE OF POWER,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID. -- MORE

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THE SPEECHES OF PAS LEADERS HIGHLIGHTED VARIOUS LANGUAGES AND CULTURES JUST TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THE NON-MALAYS, HE SAID.

HE HOPED NON-MALAYS WOULD NOT BE TAKEN IN BY PAS' SWEET TALK, SAYING THAT IF THE PARTY EVER GAINED POWER, THEY (NON-MALAYS) WOULD BE IN FOR A DISAPPOINTMENT.

UMNO WAS FAMILIAR WITH PAS AND ITS LEADERS AS WELL AS ITS TACTICS AS THE PARTY (PAS) WAS ONCE IN THE BARISAN NASIONAL.

+IT IS MY FEELING THAT PAS WILL NEVER GAIN POWER. BUT IF THEY EVER COME INTO POWER, THEY WILL NOT ONLY STAB IN THE BACK THE MALAYS BUT ALSO THE NON-MALAYS FOR THEY ARE FORKED-TONGUED,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

HE HOPED BN LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS WOULD WORK HARD TO COUNTER PAS PROPAGANDA SO THAT NON-MALAYS WOULD NOT BE DECEIVED BY THE SWEET PROMISES OF PAS, WHICH WERE MADE MERELY TO GAIN POWER. -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WAS HAVING THE MEETING WITH BN LEADERS IN KUBANG PASU AS HE HAD COME TO KNOW ABOUT PROBLEMS AMONG BN COMPONENTS.

HE SAID HE WAS UNABLE TO VISIT KUBANG PASU FREQUENTLY TO MEET ALL MEMBERS OF BN COMPONENT PARTIES BECAUSE OF HIS HEAVY WORKLOAD. AS PRIME MINISTER, HE HAD TO BE IN HIS OFFICE IN KUALA LUMPUR, IN PARLIAMENT AND HAD TO GO THROUGH THOUSANDS OF PAPERS DAILY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOWEVER HOPED THAT HIS MEETING SUCH AS THE ONE TODAY WITH KUBANG PASU HEADS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF BN COMPONENT PARTIES WOULD ENABLE THEM TO CONVEY HIS VIEWS AND ADVICE TO ALL BN MEMBERS AT BRANCH LEVEL.

TONIGHT, THE PRIME MINISTER ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE KEDAH UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE AT BUNGANAN TUNKU IN ALOR SETAR.

TOMORROW HE WILL ADDRESS UMNO LEADERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE STATE, ALSO AT THE SAME VENUE.

HE WILL VISIT UNIVERSITI UTARA MALAYSIA (UUM) BEFORE RETURNING TO KUALA LUMPUR. -- BERNAMA

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