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BAGAN SERAI, JUNE 27 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD DESCRIBED PAS AS A PARTY WITHOUT ANY PRINCIPLES IN ITS STRUGGLES AND ONE THAT IS LED BY PROUD AND ARROGANT YOUNG LEADERS.

HE SAID THE YOUNG PAS LEADERS WERE NOT ONLY WITHOUT PRINCIPLES BUT DID NOT KNOW HOW TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SERVICES OF THE FOUNDERS AND PREVIOUS LEADERS OF THE PARTY.

+THIS IS THE KIND OF LEADERS THE PARTY HAS, LEADERS WHO ARE PROUD AND ARROGANT AND FOLLOWERS WHO BLINDLY FOLLOW THEIR ORDERS,+ HE SAID AT A DINNER ORGANISED BY THE BAGAN SERAI UMNO DIVISION HERE LAST NIGHT IN HONOUR OF THOSE IN THE DISTRICT WHO HAD FOUGHT AGAINST THE MALAYAN UNION.

HE SAID THESE LEADERS NOT ONLY REJECTED INVITATIONS TO MEET WITH UMNO LEADERS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS BUT ALSO INSTIGATED OTHER LEADERS NOT TO MEET THE UMNO LEADERS. -- MORE  
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+WHEN WE ASK THEM TO HOLD A MUZAKARAH (MEETING) THEIR REPLY IS THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY. LATER THEY AGREE TO IT ON CONDITION THAT IT BE TELEVISED, TO ACHIEVE THEIR ENDS AND NOT TO SEEK THE TRUTH OR TO SOLVE PROBLEMS+, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO DESCRIBED THE MEETINGS THE PARTY HELD WITH THE NON-MALAYS THROUGH THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS AS INSINCERE AND BASED ON OTHER POLITICAL MOTIVES.

THE INSINCERITY WAS EVIDENT FROM THE FACT THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO MAKE PROMISES SOLELY TO WIN THE GENERAL ELECTION EVEN IF IT MEANT +PAWNING+ THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF THE MALAYS, HE ADDED.

HE SAID UMNO WAS NOT LIKE THAT BECAUSE IT HAD FORGED COOPERATION WITH THE NON-MALAYS FROM THE BEGINNING AS THE COUNTRY HAD A MULTI-RACIAL AND MULTI-RELIGIOUS POPULATION.

HE SAID UMNO'S STRUGGLE WOULD BE MEANINGLESS IF IT WAS FOR SELF-INTEREST. TRUE STRUGGLE MEANT SACRIFICE OF TIME, ENERGY, MONEY AND EVEN LIVES FOR THE GREATER INTEREST. -- MORE  
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THIRTY-FOUR VETARANS WHO HAD FOUGHT AGAINST THE MALAYAN UNION RECEIVED AWARDS FROM THE PRIME MINISTER AT THE DINNER.

DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI RAMLI NGAH TALIB AND DEPUTY WORKS MINISTER DATUK HAJI ZAINAL ABIDIN ZIN, WHO IS ALSO HEAD OF THE DIVISION, WERE AMONG THE 2,200 PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE FUNCTION. -- BERNAMA

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