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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 5 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ADVISED THE PEOPLE NOT TO LISTEN TO RUMOURS THAT RIOTS AND DISORDER WILL BREAK OUT IN THE COUNTRY FOLLOWING LAST WEEK-END'S GENERAL ELECTION.

+THERE IS NO RIOT OR DISORDER WHATSOEVER AND THE COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO ENJOY PEACE,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE SELANGOR AND FEDERAL TERRITORY GIRL GUIDES ASSEMBLY AT SEKOLAH MENENGAH PUTERI TITIWANGSA HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID PEACE CURRENTLY PREVAILED IN THE COUNTRY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES WANTED STABILITY AND RACIAL UNITY.

HE SAID THAT DURING GENERAL ELECTIONS, IT WAS NORMAL TO EXPECT SOME TENSION BETWEEN POLITICAL PARTIES AND RACES.

+I KNOW SOME PEOPLE ARE SPREADING RUMOURS THAT RACIAL RIOTS AND VARIOUS KINDS OF DISTURBANCES WILL BREAK OUT IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE GENERAL ELECTION,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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+THEY DID NOT OCCUR. THE NATION IS STILL PEACEFUL,+ HE ADDED. THE BARISAN NASIONAL LED BY DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WON 148 OF THE 177 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS IN THE GENERAL ELECTION AND WAS GIVEN THE MANDATE BY MALAYSIANS TO CONTINUE AT THE COUNTRY'S HELM FOR ANOTHER FIVE-YEAR TERM.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL WHICH HAD ALL ALONG WORKED FOR UNITY RECEIVED OVERWHELMING SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE.

THE PEOPLE SUPPORTED THE RULING PARTY BECAUSE THEY WANTED CONTINUED PEACE AND ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL STABILITY WITHOUT HINDRANCE FROM ANY QUARTER.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIANS SHOULD BE GRATEFUL AS THE COUNTRY DID NOT FACE PROBLEMS AS WAR AND RACIAL SUPPRESSION, UNLIKE WHAT SOME OTHER COUNTRIES WERE GOING THROUGH.

HE SAID HOWEVER THAT RACIAL UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD AND PEACE COULD BE THREATENED AND RIOTS AND DISORDER COULD BREAK OUT IF THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES DID NOT CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE GOOD RELATIONS AMONG THEM. -- MORE
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HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF NURTURING RACIAL UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING AT AN EARLY AGE AT THE SCHOOL BENCH, SAYING THESE QUALITIES WOULD BE STRENGTHED WHEN THE CHILDREN MATURED INTO ADULTS LATER.

HE SAID PARTICIPATION IN ASSOCIATIONS SUCH AS THE GIRL GUIDES MOVEMENT COULD HELP PRESERVE UNITY AND BROTHERHOOD AND RELIGIOUS HARMONY.

IT COULD ALSO ENSURE STUDENTS PUT THEIR FREE TIME TO GOOD USE AND STAYED AWAY FROM UNHEALTHY ACTIVITIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT ALTHOUGH MALAYSIANS WERE OF DIFFERENT RACES, THERE WAS NO REASON WHY THEY COULD NOT BE TOLERANT AND UNITED TO ENSURE A BETTER FUTURE FOR THE COUNTRY.

HE DISCLOSED THAT THE KUALA LUMPUR CITY HALL HAD ALLOCATED A PIECE OF LAND IN BUKIT KIARA FOR THE SITE OF A PERMANENT CAMP FOR THE GIRL GUIDES MOVEMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR THEN RELEASED FIVE WHITE Doves TO SIGNIFY THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF THE RUKUNEGARA AND 1,500 BALLOONS FOR RACIAL SOLIDARITY.

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