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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 14 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD  
SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE WITH ITS PRESENT POLICIES.  
+THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT CHANGE THE POLICIES EVEN THOSE THERE  
ARE CALLS BY SEVERAL GROUPS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES AS  
INTELLECTUALS,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

HE SAID THESE GROUPS ALSO CLAIMED TO HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE  
PEOPLE BUT THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION SHOWED OTHERWISE.

SPEAKING AT A RALLY TO MARK YOUTH DAY AND YOUTH WEEK AS WELL AS  
LAUNCHING THE CULTURAL MONTH AT STADIUM JALAN RAJA MUDA HERE, HE  
SAID THAT THESE GROUPS, AFTER HAVING WON A FEW SEATS IN THE  
ELECTION, SAID THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD CHANGE ITS POLICIES.

+HOWEVER, IT IS THE BARISAN NASIONAL WHICH WON IN THE ELECTION.  
I BELIEVE THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL WON BECAUSE OF ITS POLICIES  
WHICH IN GENERAL ARE ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID. -- MORE  
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THEREFORE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE WITH ITS POLICIES AND  
IGNORE CRITICISMS THAT WERE NOT CONSTRUCTIVE FROM THESE GROUPS WHICH  
HAD NOT DONE ANYTHING FOR THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT APART FROM  
PREPARING WORKING PAPERS AND GIVING SPEECHES, THE PRIME MINISTER  
SAID.

+THEY ARE GOOD ONLY AT TALKING,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT +EVEN THE  
MYNAH CAN TALK+, BRINGING LAUGHTER TO THE THOUSANDS OF YOUTHS  
REPRESENTING 25 ORGANISATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THESE GROUPS NOT ONLY  
LEVELLED CRITICISMS AT THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO MADE SLANDEROUS  
REMARKS WITH THE AIM OF ERODING THE PEOPLE'S TRUST IN THE NATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP AND HAMPERING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

HE SAID THAT PART OF THE REASON FOR THE ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN FACED  
BY THE COUNTRY WAS DUE TO THESE GROUPS WHICH MADE THE PEOPLE  
SUSPICIOUS OF THE GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

+I BELIEVE THAT EVEN IF A POLICY IS NOT THAT PERFECT, IT CAN  
ULTIMATELY BRING SUCCESS IF IMPLEMENTED WITH FULL SPIRIT AND TRUST,+  
HE SAID. -- MORE  
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+BUT IF WE FORMULATE A POLICY AND CONTINUE TO LISTEN TO  
CRITICISMS TO THE EXTENT THAT WE CANNOT CARRY OUT ANYTHING, THEN NO  
SUCCESS CAN BE ACHIEVED,+ HE SAID.

ON THE GOVERNMENT'S LOOK EAST POLICY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR  
SAID THAT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT INTRODUCED THE POLICY, IT WAS  
CRITICISED BY THOSE WHO BELIEVED THAT +ONLY THE WHITE MAN IS  
SUPERIOR AND THAT THEY SHOULD SERVE ONLY THE WHITE MAN.+

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THEY HAD WHAT HE TERMED A +SLAVERY  
MENTALITY+ AND THAT THEY STILL BELIEVED THAT +THE WHITE MAN IS MORE  
SUPERIOR THAN THE COLOURED.+

BECAUSE OF THEIR CRITICISM, HE SAID, +FOR THREE YEARS WE WERE  
UNSUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING THE PEOPLE TO EMULATE THE WORK ETHICS  
WHICH HAD BROUGHT SUCCESS TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN THE EAST.+

HOWEVER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WAS  
CONVINCED THAT +WE NEED WORK ETHICS FOUND IN THE EAST AND NOT IN THE  
WEST+ TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY. -- MORE  
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+IF IT IS NECESSARY FOR US TO EMULATE THE EAST, IT IS NOT BECAUSE WE WISH TO BE THEIR SLAVES BUT BECAUSE THERE IS A GREATER OF CHANCE OF ACHIEVING SUCCESS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE IN THE WEST ALSO HAD A CULTURE WHICH ENCOURAGED THEM TO WORK HARD +BUT THIS IS ALREADY ERODING.+

+THEY NOW DEPEND ON LEGAL CHANNELS TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS, LIKE STEMMING THE FLOW OF GOODS INTO THEIR COUNTRY,+ HE SAID, ADDING THAT THIS COURSE OF ACTION WAS TAKEN BECAUSE THE PEOPLE IN THE WEST WERE NOT WILLING TO WORK ANYMORE AND WERE NOT DISCIPLINED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST HAD REACHED A STAGE WHERE THEY COULD RELAX ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD LOSE IN THE LONG TERM BY DOING SO.

HE SAID THAT THE PEOPLE OF THE WEST MANAGED TO SUSTAIN THEIR POSITION BECAUSE OF THEIR SUCCESSES IN THE PAST +BUT FOR MALAYSIA, WHICH IS NOT IN THE CATEGORY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, THE PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE LIKE THOSE IN THE WEST.+ -- MORE  
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+WE HAVE TO WORK EXTRA HARD AND BE MORE DISCIPLINED THAN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SO THAT WE CAN CATCH UP WITH THEM,+ HE SAID, POINTING OUT THAT MALAYSIA'S PER CAPITA INCOME WAS ONLY ONE FIFTH OF THAT OF THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED YOUTHS TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT MALAYSIA HAD STILL NOT REACHED THE LEVEL OF THAT ACHIEVED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

THEY SHOULD ALSO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THEY WERE LIVING IN A MULTI-RACIAL COUNTRY.

THIS, HE SAID, WAS VITAL TO ENSURE THE ACHIEVING OF DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCING COOPERATION AMONG THE PEOPLE AS WELL AS DOING AWAY WITH RACIAL FEELINGS.

+THANK GOD THAT WE HAVE SO FAR HAVE PREVENTED RACIAL FEELINGS FROM BEING OVERBLOWN,+ SAID THE PRIME MINISTER, ADDING THAT DURING THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION MANY QUARTERS HAD FANNED RACIAL FEELINGS FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

BUT IN THE END, THE MODERATE GROUP WHICH DID NOT PLAY UP RACIAL ISSUES AND WHICH WERE WILLING TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE TRIUMPHED AND RETAINED POWER,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA  
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