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PENDANG (KEDAH), AUG 16, (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI
DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY CERTAIN REPORTERS WORKING FOR
JEWISH-OWNED FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS ARE TRYING TO DESTABILISE
MALAYSIA.

HE SAID THAT THROUGH THEIR DISTORTED ARTICLES THE WRITERS HOPED
TO BRING CHAOS TO THE COUNTRY BY INFLAMING THE EMOTIONS OF PEOPLE
WHO WERE ALREADY OPPOSED TO THE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID SOME FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES HAD SUPPORTED PAS
AND THE DAP IN THE HOPE THAT THE TWO PARTIES WOULD WIN THE RECENT
GENERAL ELECTION.

THEY WANTED THE TWO PARTIES TO WIN SO THAT TROUBLE WOULD BREAK
OUT; HE SAID AT A HARI RAYA AIDILADHA GATHERING AT THE HOME OF
PENDANG MP OTHMAN ABDUL AT KAMPUNG PAYA KERCIUT HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID DESPITE THE ANTI-ISLAM STAND OF
THESE MAGAZINES, THEY SUPPORTED PAS BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT IF THE
PARTY CAME TO POWER, MALAYSIA WOULD BE THROWN INTO A STATE OF
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HE SAID THE ZIONISTS WERE DEAD SET AGAINST MALAYSIA BECAUSE OF
THE COUNTRY'S WELLKNOWN SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIANS AND SO WERE
USING THEIR NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES TO HIT AT COUNTRIES OPPOSING
THEM.

THEY WERE SORELY DISAPPOINTED WHEN PAS AND THE DAP FAILED TO
DENT THE BARISAN NASIONAL'S STRENGTH BUT STILL EXPRESSED THEIR
DETERMINATION TO SEE THAT THE OPPOSITION PARTIES CONTINUED WITH
EFFORTS TO TOPPLE THE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID THEY ALSO USED THEIR PUBLICATIONS TO PAINT A DISTORTED
VIEW OF MALAYSIA'S ECONOMIC POSITION.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THERE WERE ALSO SOME PEOPLE IN
MALAYSIA ITSELF WHO SUPPORTED PAS NOT OUT OF LOVE FOR THE PARTY BUT
BECAUSE THEY KNEW THE COUNTRY WOULD BE WEAKENED IF PAS BECAME THE
GOVERNMENT.

AMONG THE MALYSIANS WHO GAVE SUCH BACKING TO PAS WERE WRITERS
WHO ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE USED BY THE JEWISH-OWNED PUBLICATIONS.
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+WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND ARE WATCHING THEIR ACTIVITIES. AT THE
SAME TIME, WE ALSO FEEL SAD THAT THERE ARE MALAYS WHO PERMIT
THEMSELVES TO BE EXPLOITED TO ADVANCE ZIONIST INTERESTS,+ HE SAID.

ON THE HARI RAYA AIDILADHA, HE SAID HE REGRETTED THE REPORTED
REFUSAL OF SOME MUSLIMS IN KELANTAN TO OBSERVE THE OCCASION
YESTERDAY, ADDING THAT IT SHOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED.

A NEWSPAPER REPORTED TODAY THAT ABOUT 500 MUSLIMS IN KAMPUNG
LUBUK CHEKOK, PASIR MAS, CLAIMED THAT HARI RAYA AIDILADHA SHOULD NOT
HAVE BEEN CELEBRATED YESTERDAY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ASKED ULAMAKS TO EXPLAIN THINGS TO THE
PEOPLE CONCERNED TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE.

ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE GATHERING, INCLUDING DATUK SERI
DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH AND AIR PUTEH STATE ASSEMBLYWOMAN HAJAH
FATIMAH ISMAIL. -- BERNAMA
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