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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 28/ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD  
SAID TODAY FIRMNESS IN THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND IN ENFORCING THE  
COUNTRY'S LAWS DOES NOT MEAN MALAYSIANS ARE ARROGANT, LACKING IN  
COURTESY AND UNCOMPROMISING IN ATTITUDE.

HE SAID ANY POLICY OR STERN MEASURE TAKEN LIKE ENFORCEMENT OF  
THE LAWS AGAINST THE COUNTRY'S ENEMIES AND CRIMINALS WHO COULD  
DESTROY IT AND ITS PEOPLE WERE SOLELY TO ENSURE PEACE AND  
TRANQUILLITY IN THE COUNTRY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS WHEN OPENING A MONTH-LONG EXHIBITION  
AT MUZIUM NEGARA HERE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL DAY. THE  
EXHIBITION CARRIES THE NATIONAL DAY THEME +A RESOLUTE SOCIETY, A  
STRONG NATION+.

+NO ONE CAN DENY THAT COURTESY HAS LONG BEEN PRACTISED BY THE  
PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY AND HAS BECOME PART OF THE MALAYSIAN  
IDENTITY.+

THE STERN ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO ENSURE THAT WHOEVER  
STAYED IN MALAYSIA WOULD ENJOY PEACE AND FEEL SAFE, HE ADDED. -- MORE  
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HE SAID THE NATIONAL DAY THEME THIS YEAR, +A RESOLUTE SOCIETY, A STRONG NATION+, WAS CHOSEN TO REFLECT THE GOVERNMENT'S HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS TO MAKE MALAYSIA AND ITS PEOPLE RESPECTED BY THE OTHER COUNTRIES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE MUST BE MADE THE BASIS AND BASIC AIM OF ANY ENDEAVOUR TO BE CARRIED OUT IN THE COUNTRY.

+NO ONE WILL FIGHT FOR AND DEFEND OUR NATION AND PEOPLE BUT OURSELVES,+ HE ADDED.

+COMMUNITY LEADERS, INTELLECTUALS, GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND WHOEVER IS INVOLVED IN NATION BUILDING MUST BE FIRM IN THIS MATTER.+

HE SAID EVERY POLICY, PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AS WELL AS ACTIVITIES MUST HAVE AN OBJECTIVE AND THIS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS DEVELOPING LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE. -- MORE  
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+THIS IS OUR JOINT RESPONSIBILITY ON WHICH WE SHOULD NOT COMPROMISE IN SAFEGUARDING THE SOVEREIGNTY, STRENGTH AND PROSPERITY OF OUR COUNTRY AND PEOPLE,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID NATIONAL DAY WAS CELEBRATED ANNUALLY TO COMMEMORATE THE STRUGGLE TO FREE THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE FROM THE YOKE OF 400 YEARS OF COLONIAL RULE.

HE SAID THAT IF ONE REFLECTED ON THE HISTORY OF INDEPENDENCE, ONE WOULD FIND THAT THE FRONT-LINE FIGHTERS WHO UNITED UNDER UMNO AND LATER UNDER THE ALLIANCE WITH THE MCA AND THE MIC WERE NOT INTELLECTUALS AND RICH PEOPLE BUT STILL SUCCEEDED BECAUSE THEY WERE UNITED, CONFIDENT, SINCERE AND FIRM IN THEIR STRUGGLE AND WERE LED BY RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE.

THE PEOPLE'S RESPONSIBILITY AND STRUGGLE TODAY WAS TO CONTINUE WITH THE STRUGGLE TO SHAPE THE COUNTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICIES THAT HAD BEEN LAID DOWN AND TO PERPETUATE THE INDEPENDENCE, DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM AND PROSPERITY OF THE COUNTRY THROUGH PREPARATIONS AND SACRIFICES, HE SAID.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE MORE COURAGEOUS, FIRM AND STRONG IN THEIR STAND IN FACING THE COUNTRY'S ENEMIES WHO WERE ALWAYS WORKING TO CAUSE TENSION AND CHAOS BY SPREADING SLANDER REGARDING ISSUES THAT TOUCHED ON THE PEOPLE'S SENTIMENTS AND EMOTIONS.

PRESENT WERE AGRICULTURE MINISTER DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID WHO IS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER DATUK MOHAMED NAJIB TUN RAZAK AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM FOREIGN MISSIONS HERE. -- BERNAMA  
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