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 MAHATHIR-MESSAGE  
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EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AFTER 9.30PM TODAY (AUG 30)  
 KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 30 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD  
 TONIGHT URGED THE PEOPLE TO CULTIVATE THE SPIRIT OF BEING RESOLUTE  
 AND BOLD IN PROJECTING THE NATIONAL IDENTITY THROUGH THE MALAYSIAN  
 CULTURE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

HE SAID A RESOLUTE SOCIETY WOULD BE A REALITY IF EVERYONE PROVED  
 THEIR RESOLVE IN FACING THE QUESTION OF DEVELOPING THE COUNTRY AND  
 THEMSELVES.

+DON'T USE FOREIGN VALUES AS A GAUGE OF OUR SUCCESS. DON'T  
 CONSIDER ALL FOREIGN CRITERIA, ESPECIALLY WESTERN CRITERIA, AS GOOD  
 OR FEEL THEY SHOULD BE EMULATED TO AN EXTENT WHERE YOU WILL LOSE  
 YOUR SELF-ESTEEM,+ THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD THE NATION IN HIS  
 NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE CARRIED BY RTM.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADVISED THE PEOPLE NOT TO USE THE FREEDOM  
 OF THE PRESS, WHICH WAS CLAIMED TO EXIST IN OTHER COUNTRIES, AS A  
 YARDSTICK FOR JUDGING THE LOCAL MASS MEDIA.

+DO NOT ACCEPT CULTURES THAT HAVE CREATED UNEASE IN THEIR  
 COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND PROMOTE THEM IN MALAYSIA TO SHOW THE COUNTRY  
 IS MOVING WITH THE TIMES ..... AND DO NOT DISCRIMINATE BY RACE IN  
 THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAWS,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE RESOLUTENESS OF THE GOVERNMENT  
 WAS EVIDENT IN AT LEAST THREE AREAS:

+ITS RESOLVE IN THE FORMULATION OF POLICIES.  
 +ITS RESOLVE IN SOLVING PROBLEMS AND  
 +ITS RESOLVE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND  
 PROGRAMMES.

HE SAID MALAYSIA'S STAND ON APARTHEID, ANTARCTICA AND PALESTINE  
 WERE AMONG THE MATTERS THAT UNDERLINED THE GOVERNMENT'S POLITICAL  
 WILL AND RESOLVE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IF THE PEOPLE WERE DETERMINED TO  
 BRING ABOUT A STRONG NATION, THEN +A RESOLUTE SOCIETY, A STRONG  
 NATION+ -- THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS --  
 SHOULD REFLECT THE MALAYSIAN IDENTITY.

THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WAVER ITS STAND ON ITS POLICIES WHICH  
 FACED BOTH CYNICAL AND NON-CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM BECAUSE IT WAS  
 CONFIDENT THE POLICIES WERE BENEFICIAL AND SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE IN  
 FORCE. -- MORE

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+THIS DETERMINATION IS WHAT WILL GET THE SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY  
 OF THE PEOPLE. IF THE GOVERNMENT IS UNDECIDED ON WHETHER TO CONTINUE  
 WITH A POLICY, THE PEOPLE WILL LOSE CONFIDENCE IN THE GOVERNMENT,+  
 HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH  
 RECEIVED A NEW MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE RECENTLY, WOULD CONTINUE  
 IMPLEMENTING POLICIES BENEFICIAL TO THE COUNTRY.

HOWEVER, THIS DID NOT MEAN ANY POLICY WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE  
 INDEFINITELY, WITHOUT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION CURRENT REALITIES.

THE GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS COULD ALSO BE  
 CONSTRUED AS AN INDICATION OF A STEADFASTNESS THAT WAS IN KEEPING  
 WITH THE TIMES.

RESOLUTENESS, HE EXPLAINED, DID NOT MEAN THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD  
 BE +RIGID+ OR STUBBORN IN ITS STAND TO THE EXTENT OF FAILING TO KEEP  
 ABREAST WITH THE SITUATION. -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE SPIRIT OF BEING RESOLUTE SHOULD ALSO BE INCULCATED AMONG PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR AGENCIES.

PUBLIC AGENCIES GIVEN POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE LAW SHOULD SHOW THEIR DETERMINATION IN DISCHARGING THEIR DUTIES.

HE ALSO URGED THE PEOPLE TO AVOID BEING INFLUENCED BY THOSE WHO WORKED FOR SELFISH INTERESTS AND IN THE PROCESS IGNORED NATIONAL UNITY.

+WE HAVE TO BE FIRM TO ENSURE THE INTERESTS OF ANY PARTICULAR COMMUNITY DO NOT SUPERSEDE NATIONAL INTERESTS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SPOKE OF THE EXISTENCE OF A GROUP WITH POLITICAL MOTIVES EAGER TO SEE THE NATION THWARTED OF ATTAINING ITS OBJECTIVES. -- MORE

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THE GROUP TRIED TO UNDERMINE THE PEOPLE'S CONFIDENCE BY FABRICATING RUMOURS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND ITS LEADERSHIP, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME IN CONJUNCTION WITH NATIONAL DAY THAT THE PEOPLE COULD BE PROUD OF THE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT ATTAINED SINCE INDEPENDENCE 29 YEARS AGO.

HE SAID A RESOLUTE SOCIETY WAS THE BASIS OF NATIONAL PROGRESS.

-- BERNAMA

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