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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 8 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY ROCK CONCERTS CAN STILL BE SHOWN ON TV AND ROCK MUSICIANS CAN STILL PERFORM IN THE PROPER PLACES BUT THE GOVERNMENT BAN ON PUBLIC ROCK CONCERTS WILL BE IMPOSED INDEFINITELY.

+BASICALLY WE ARE NOT AGAINST ROCK MUSIC. PEOPLE CAN STILL LISTEN TO ROCK MUSIC IN THEIR HOMES. BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE SOME YOUNGSTERS MISBEHAVE THEMSELVES; THEY JUMP ABOUT LOOKING VERY UNMALAYSIAN;+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO HOME MINISTER, SAID BECAUSE OF THAT THE GOVERNMENT FELT IT WAS ABOUT TIME THAT SUCH CONCERTS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO BE HELD IN PUBLIC.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO RETURNED FROM HARARE YESTERDAY AFTER ATTENDING THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) SUMMIT, WAS SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE. HE WAS COMMENTING ON THE HOME MINISTRY'S INSTRUCTION TO THE POLICE YESTERDAY NOT TO ISSUE PERMITS FOR ROCK CONCERTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

THE MOVE, FOLLOWING A FRACAS DURING THE +BATTLE OF THE BANDS+ PERFORMANCE IN PULAU PINANG, WAS NOT WELL-RECEIVED BY THE MUSICIANS' UNION (PENINSULAR) MALAYSIA WHICH HAS APPEALED TO THE AUTHORITIES TO RECONSIDER THE DECISION AS THEY CLAIMED IT AFFECTED THE LIVELIHOOD OF MANY MUSICIANS.

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IN KUCHING, THE SARAWAK ISLAMIC WELFARE ASSOCIATION (PERKIS) ALSO WELCOMED THE MINISTRY'S MOVE, SAYING THAT IT SHOULD GAIN SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE.

+DANCING AND SHOUTING LIKE PEOPLE WHO HAVE LOST THEIR MINDS SHOULD BE PUT TO A STOP,+ A PERKIS SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID WHAT WAS DISAPPOINTING WAS THAT SUCH CONCERTS ATTRACTED YOUTHS FROM RURAL AREAS AND THOSE UNEMPLOYED.

IN JOHOR BAHRU, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR PULAI DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT SUGGESTED THAT THE INFORMATION MINISTRY ISSUE GUIDELINES FOR STATE GOVERNMENTS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON PERMITTING PRIVATE PROMOTERS TO HOLD CONCERTS AND STAGE SHOWS.

HE SAID THE MINISTRY SHOULD ALSO REVIEW ALL ENTERTAINMENT SHOWS OVER RTM AND TV3. -- MORE
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THIS WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ALL ENTERTAINMENT SHOWS, WHETHER LOCAL OR OVERSEAS PRODUCTION, WERE SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING, HE SAID AT A THANKSGIVING TO CELEBRATE THE BARISAN NASIONAL'S VICTORY IN THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION, ORGANISED BY THE KAMPUNG SEKUDAI KIRI UMNO BRANCH LAST NIGHT.

HE CLAIMED THAT LATELY, MANY ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMMES AND MOVIES, ESPECIALLY IMPORTED ONES, HAD MANY INDECENT SCENES WHICH WERE AGAINST ISLAMIC TEACHINGS.

IN BATU PAHAT, THE SECRETARY OF THE YOUTH WING OF PARTI SULONG UMNO DIVISION, ENCIK ARIS SHAMSUDDIN, FULLY SUPPORTED THE MOVE.

HE SAID ROCK CONCERTS WERE AGAINST EASTERN VALUES AND THAT THEY COULD CAUSE MORAL DECLINE AMONG THE YOUTHS. - BERNAMA
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