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MAHATHIR-MALAYSIA

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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 16 (BERNAMA) -- ~~DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR~~  
MOHAMAD TODAY STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE FOR A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION  
AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES TOWARDS THE CREATION OF A MALAYSIAN  
RACE.

IT WAS ON THIS AWARENESS AS WELL AS THE POLITICAL MATURITY OF  
THE LEADERS OF COMMUNAL-BASED PARTIES THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL WAS  
FORMED, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

HE SAID EVEN THOUGH THE INTEREST OF EACH RACE WAS HIGHLIGHTED  
WITHIN EACH OF THE PARTIES, THE LEADERS REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF  
COOPERATING WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THIS PROMPTED THEM TO JOIN THE BN.

THE EXISTENCE OF THE BN ENSURED PEACE IN THE COUNTRY, HE SAID AT  
A GATHERING AT THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE HERE TO MARK MALAYSIA  
DAY. THE GATHERING WAS ORGANISED BY BARISAN NASIONAL YOUTH. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS BN CHAIRMAN, SAID THERE WERE  
GROUPS WHICH GAVE PRIORITY TO NARROW RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS THINKING,  
BUT IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE RESULTS OF THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION  
THAT THEY WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE.

+THIS ALSO SHOWS THE PEOPLE ON THE WHOLE CHOSE COOPERATION AND  
ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THIS COUNTRY IS MADE UP OF MANY RACES,+ HE  
SAID.

HE SAID HE WAS THANKFUL THOSE GROUPS DID NOT SUCCEED IN COMING  
TO POWER AS THEY WOULD NOT BE CAPABLE OF LOOKING AFTER THE INTERESTS  
OF THE PEOPLE AND NATION.

+IF THEY HAD WON, OUR COUNTRY WOULD BE SPLIT INTO TWO TODAY...AS  
TWO OPPOSING SIDES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AGREE WHEN CONFRONTED WITH  
PROBLEMS,+ HE ADDED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS IN THE BN  
THAT COULD NOT BE RESOLVED. -- MORE  
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IN THIS RESPECT, HE SAID, HE WAS HAPPY THAT THE YOUTH WINGS OF THE BN COMPONENT PARTIES REALISED THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION.

+IF THE YOUNG ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE PHILOSOPHY THAT HAS BROUGHT PROGRESS TO THIS COUNTRY THE LAST 29 YEARS, THE PEACE WE HAVE ENJOYED WILL SURELY BE PUT IN JEOPARDY,+ HE SAID.

ON THE GATHERING WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY 3,000 BN COMPONENT PARTY MEMBERS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID EVEN THOUGH SOME PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SEPT 16, +WE IN THE BN HAVE NOT+.

+IT HAS BEEN FORGOTTEN BY EXTREMIST QUARTERS AND BY THE OPPOSITION...EVEN THOUGH THEY, LIKE US, HAVE REAPED THE BENEFITS FROM MALAYSIA'S FORMATION,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THESE PEOPLE DID NOT REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF MALAYSIA'S FORMATION AND ITS ADMINISTRATION WHICH PRACTISED MODERATION. -- MORE

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EARLIER, EDUCATION MINISTER ANWAR IBRAHIM WHO IS BN YOUTH CHAIRMAN URGED BN COMPONENT PARTY YOUTH LEADERS TO UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES IN THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION THAT HAD BEEN AGREED UPON BY ALL THE RACES.

THE GATHERING'S ORGANISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, JOHOR MENTERI BESAR HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN, SAID APART FROM COMMEMORATING MALAYSIA'S FORMATION, THE OCCASION SERVED AS A SHOW OF THANKS FOR THE BN LEADERSHIP FOR GIVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO YOUNG LEADERS TO CONTEST THE GENERAL ELECTION.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ARRIVED AT DEWAN MERDEKA WHERE THE GATHERING WAS HELD TO SHOUTS OF +HIDUP MAHATHIR+ AND +HIDUP MALAYSIA+.

ALSO PRESENT WERE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA AND UMNO DEPUTY PRESIDENT DATUK MUSA HITAM. -- BERNAMA

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