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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 18 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT COMPROMISE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL ITS OBJECTIVES ARE ACHIEVED.

+THIS POLICY HAS ALREADY REFLECTED THE WILLINGNESS OF UMNO AND THE MALAYS TO COMPROMISE WITH THE NON-BUMIPUTERAS,+ THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID AT THE OPENING OF THE 37TH UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE UMNO COMPLEX HERE.

HE REMINDED THE OPPOSERS OF THE NEP NOT TO ASSUME THAT UMNO AND THE MALAYS WERE IN THE WRONG OR WERE WEAK WHEN THEY REMAINED SILENT WHEN CHALLENGED.

+THE MALAYS DID NOT FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE TOGETHER SO THAT THEY CAN BE THE POOR PEOPLE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

+WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF ROBBING ANYONE OF HIS RIGHTS. BUT DON'T ANYONE TRY TO ROB US OF OURS,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN THE OTHER COUNTRIES THE RACE WITH THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER HAD NEVER ENTERTAINED THE OTHER RACES WHICH WERE LEFT BEHIND.

IN MALAYSIA, ALTHOUGH THE BUMIPUTERAS HAD POLITICAL BUT NOT ECONOMIC POWER, THEY STILL TOOK CARE OF THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHERS, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT ALL THIS WHILE UMNO AND THE MALAYS HAD KEPT QUIET WHEN HARSH WORDS WERE USED IN THE PRESS, WHEN THE CHAUVINISTS TALKED AS IF THE MALAYS HAD NO RIGHTS IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY AND AS IF MALAYSIA WAS ORIGINALLY NOT A MALAY COUNTRY BUT PART OF A FOREIGN LAND.

LIKewise, THE MALAYS HAD KEPT QUIET WHEN THE NON-MALAYS SAID THEY DID NOT LIKE THE WORD +BUMIPUTERA+, THAT THEY DID NOT WANT TO HEAR THE NEP MENTIONED AND THAT THEY DID NOT WANT ANY PROGRAMMES TO SAFEGUARD THE LOT OF THE BUMIPUTERAS AND THE MALAYS AFTER THE NEP.

HE SAID THAT ACTUALLY THE NON-MALAYS KNEW THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEP WOULD NOT BE ACHIEVED WHEN THE PERIOD FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION EXPIRED, HE ADDED. -- MORE
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+THEY ALSO KNOW THAT ACTUALLY THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NON-MALAYS HAVE EXCEEDED 40 PERCENT ALTHOUGH THE PERIOD HAS NOT EXPIRED.+

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT ACCORDING TO PROJECTIONS, PART OF THE QUOTAS FOR THE BUMIPUTERAS AND FOREIGNERS WOULD FALL INTO THE HANDS OF THE NON-BUMIPUTERAS IN 1990.

+BUT FROM WAY BACK THEY HAD THREATENED THAT THERE WILL BE TENSION IF EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE NEP ARE CONTINUED AFTER THE TARGET DATE IN 1990.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID UMNO AND THE MALAYS HAD NOT WANTED TO PRESS THE MATTER OR TO DEBATE IT +BECAUSE WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE RACES IN MALAYSIA ARE NOT IN AGREEMENT+.

THIS WAS BECAUSE UMNO AND THE MALAYS DID NOT LIKE TO BE DRAGGED INTO AN OPEN DEBATE AS SUCH ACTION WOULD CAUSE TENSION AND FRIGHTEN OFF BOTH THE LOCAL AND FOREIGN INVESTORS, HE SAID. -- MORE
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MAHATHIR-NEP 4 KUALA LUMPUR

+WE DO NOT WANT THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH TO BE AFFECTED BY SQUABBLINGS AMONG OURSELVES AND AMONG THE RACES IN MALAYSIA.
+WHEREVER WE GO WE TALK ABOUT STABILITY AND PEACE IN MALAYSIA AS AN ASSET IN ATTRACTING THE TOURISTS AND INVESTORS,+ HE SAID.
HOWEVER, IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT SUCH AN ATTITUDE WAS INTERPRETED BY CERTAIN GROUPS AS THE STAND OF THE GUILTY AND THE WEAK AND HAD RESULTED IN +OPEN THREATS BEING MADE+.
HE SAID THEY PURPOSELY THREATENED THE HARMONY AND STABILITY IN THE COUNTRY SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEP WAS NOT CONTINUED UNTIL ITS OBJECTIVES WERE MET.
+THEY PURPOSELY GIVE THE WRONG INTERPRETATION TO THE FOREIGNERS AND INVESTORS TO UNDERMINE THE ECONOMIC GROWTH,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE
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MAHATHIR-NEP 5 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE MALAYS WANTED HARMONY, STABILITY AND STRONG ECONOMIC GROWTH BUT NOT AT THE EXPENSE OF LOWERING THEIR DIGNITY.
+WE WILL NOT TRADE OUR RESPECTABILITY TO THE EXTENT THAT OUR GRANDCHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO LIFT THEIR HEADS.+
THE MALAYS WOULD NOT BARGE IN JUST FOR MATERIALISTIC GAINS, HE ADDED.
HE SAID UMNO AND THE MALAYS HAD MADE MANY SCARIFICES, INCLUDING ACCEPTING THE FACT THAT THEY WERE NOW ONE OF THE RACES IN A MULTI-RACIAL COUNTRY.
+IT LOOKS LIKE THE 'BANGSA MELAYU' HAS DISAPPEARED ... WHAT REMAINS IS ONLY THE 'KAUM MELAYU BANGSA MALAYSIA',+ HE SAID.
HE ADDED THAT THE MALAYS WERE PREPARED TO CURB THEIR MALAY FEELINGS IN POLITICS AND TO FIGHT THE MALAY EXTREMISTS TO THE VERY END JUST TO BE FRIENDS WITH THE OTHER RACES. -- MORE
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MAHATHIR-NEP 6 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT EVEN IN THE GENERAL ELECTION THE MALAYS WERE PREPARED TO CONTEST AMONG THEMSELVES IN AREAS WHERE THEY HAD ABSOLUTE MAJORITY.
NOT ONLY THAT, THE MALAYS ALSO ACCEPTED NON-MALAY CANDIDATES FOR AREAS WITH MALAY MAJORITY VOTERS JUST TO ENSURE VICTORY OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL, HE ADDED.
ALL THIS WAS DONE BECAUSE THE MALAYS BELIEVED IN COOPERATION AND SHARING OF POWER AMONG THE RACES, HE SAID.
+WE ARE STILL PREPARED TO EXTEND OUR HAND IN FRIENDSHIP TO THE OTHER RACES BUT DON'T TAKE US FOR GRANTED BECAUSE OUR PATIENCE IS NOT UNLIMITED.+
HE SAID CERTAIN QUARTERS HAD BLAMED THE NEP FOR SEVERAL ASPECTS OF THE GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS, GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE NEP WAS GOOD BUT THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION WAS WRONG AND THAT IT HAD ONLY SUCCEEDED IN CREATING SEVERAL MALAY MILLIONAIRES. -- MORE
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DENYING SUCH ALLEGATIONS, HE SAID THE NEP COVERED ALL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE OF BENEFIT NOT ONLY TO THE MALAYS BUT ALSO TO THE OTHER RACES IN THE COUNTRY.

IT WAS ONLY AFTER HAVING THE NEP THAT MORE CHILDREN FROM THE VILLAGES HAD BECOME PROFESSIONALS AND THERE WERE SOME MALAY MILLIONAIRES.

THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED WHETHER IT WAS A CRIME FOR THE BUMIPUTERAS TO BECOME MILLIONAIRES WHEN PRIOR TO THIS THERE WERE MANY NON-MALAY MILLIONAIRES WEARING ONLY SINGLETS.

HE SAID THAT FOR EVERY MALAY MILLIONAIRE THERE WERE PROBABLY AT LEAST 10 NON-BUMIPUTERA MILLIONAIRES.

HE SAID IT WAS NOT A CRIME FOR ONE TO BECOME A MILLIONAIRE BECAUSE UNDER A FREE ECONOMIC SYSTEM ANYONE WITH INTELLIGENCE AND INITIATIVE COULD BECOME RICH.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT IF MALAYSIA WANTED TO PROGRESS ALL THE RACES MUST HAVE A PLACE AND UMNO WOULD WORK WITH ITS COLLEAGUES IN THE BN TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE GOT THE PLACE HE DESERVED.

HE SAID UMNO AND THE MALAYS WERE PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH ALL THE RACES ALTHOUGH THE URBAN CHINESE HAD PROVED THEIR CHAUVINISM AND REJECTED THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP EXTENDED IN THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION. -- BERNAMA
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