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UMNO-WINDING-UP (MAHATHIR)
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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 20 (BERNAMA) -- ⁸⁶ ~~DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR~~
MOHAMAD REITERATED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM STAND IN
CONTINUING WITH THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY IS NOT AIMED AT DEPRIVING
THE OTHER RACES OF THEIR RIGHTS BUT ONLY TO PRESERVE THE RIGHTS OF
THE MALAYS.

THE UMNO PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER CLARIFIED THAT WHAT WAS
MEANT IN HIS POLICY SPEECH AT THE 37TH UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON
THURSDAY WAS THAT THE MALAYS WOULD NOT SEIZE THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS
AND THAT +THE OTHERS SHOULD ALSO NOT TAKE AWAY OURS.+

HE SAID HE COULD NOT AND WOULD NOT WANT TO DO WHAT HAD BEEN
SUGGESTED BY CERTAIN DELEGATES IN RELATION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE POLICY.

SEVERAL DELEGATES DURING THE DEBATE ON THE MOTION TO THANK THE
PRESIDENT FOR HIS SPEECH HAD URGED DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TO ACT
STERNLY AGAINST CERTAIN BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTY LEADERS WHO
HAD QUESTIONED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEP, LIKE SACKING THEM FROM
THE CABINET AND OTHER POSTS.

REPLYING TO POINTS RAISED, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: +THAT IS
WHAT THEY SAY, AND IF THEY WISH, LET THEM DO IT. I CAN ONLY PROMISE
WHAT I CAN DO.+ -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT IF HIS POLICY SPEECH ON THE NEP
WAS CAREFULLY STUDIED, IT WOULD BE SEEN THAT HE SAID THAT +WE WILL
NOT TAKE AWAY THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS BUT THE OTHERS MUST ALSO NOT TAKE
AWAY OURS.+

HE ALSO REJECTED CLAIMS BY TWO DELEGATES THAT HIS BEING VOCAL
WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY WAS ONE OF THE CAUSES OF THE FALL IN
THE PRICES OF THE COUNTRY'S MAIN COMMODITIES.

THE FALL IN COMMODITY PRICES WAS NOT CAUSED BY HIS BEING VOCAL
BUT BY EXTERNAL FACTORS LIKE THE WORLD ECONOMIC RECESSION AND WEAK
INTERNATIONAL MARKETS, HE SAID.

EXPRESSING REGRET WITH THE ALLEGATIONS, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID
THAT COUNTRIES WHICH HAD CLOSE LINKS WITH THE UNITED STATES LIKE
THAILAND, AUSTRALIA AND THE PHILIPPINES ALSO EXPERIENCED A DROP IN
THE PRICES OF THEIR COMMODITIES.

AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID, AUSTRALIA HAD PROBLEMS SELLING ITS WHEAT
WHEN THE US SOLD THIS COMMODITY AT A LOW PRICE TO THE SOVIET UNION.

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HE SAID THAT THOUGH AUSTRALIA AND THE UNITED STATES WERE GOOD FRIENDS IN THE ANZUS PACT AND AUSTRALIA WAS PREPARED TO QUARREL WITH NEW ZEALAND TO BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH THE US, IT STILL DID NOT GET HELP.

THE BIG POWERS DID NOT CARE WHETHER A COUNTRY WAS FRIENDLY OR NOT AND IF THEY WANTED TO DO SOMETHING THEY WERE BOUND TO DO IT, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: +IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS THAT WE MUST BE FIRM IN WHATEVER WE SAY AND WHAT WE SPEAK IS BASED ON TRUTH.+

THE PRIME MINISTER ACKNOWLEDGED THAT HE SPOKE FIRMLY AND FRANKLY, ADDING THAT SUCH FIRMNESS WAS DELIBERATELY PLANNED.

+IN MY SPEECHES, PARTICULARLY THE WRITTEN ONES, A MATTER IS GIVEN THOUGHT TWICE OR THREE TIMES BEFORE ANYTHING HARD-HITTING IS INCLUDED,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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HE SAID THAT A FIRM AND EFFICIENT ATTITUDE COULD NOT BE TAKEN BASED ON FAVOURITISM.

+I AM ASKED TO SPEAK FIRMLY TO THE NON-MALAY COMMUNITIES BUT I AM ALSO URGED TO BOW TO OTHER PEOPLE BECAUSE THEY HAVE POWER.+

+I AM NOT LIKELY TO DO THIS BECAUSE EVERYONE HAS HIS OWN STYLE. IF WE WANT SOMEONE TO BE FIRM, WE MUST BE FIRM ALWAYS.+

REPLYING TO THE POINT THAT DAP SECRETARY-GENERAL LIM KIT SIANG WAS SAID TO BE RECEIVING DOUBLE PENSION FOR HAVING BEEN AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF SELANGOR AND MELAKA, HE SAID THE CABINET WOULD STUDY THE MATTER.

ONE OF THE DELEGATES YESTERDAY TOLD THE ASSEMBLY THAT ENCIK LIM, WHO IS NOW THE MP FOR TANJONG AND ASSEMBLYMAN FOR KAMPUNG KOLAM IN PULAU PINANG, RECEIVED \$1,000 FOR HAVING BEEN AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE OF SELANGOR AND ANOTHER \$1,000 FOR HAVING BEEN ONE OF MELAKA.

ENCIK LIM WAS FORMERLY MP FOR KOTA MELAKA AND PETALING AND ALSO ASSEMBLYMAN IN THE TWO STATES. -- BERNAMA

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