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KUALA TERENGGANU, APRIL 4 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AGAIN REMINDED THE PEOPLE TODAY NOT TO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE FOOLED BY CERTAIN POLITICIANS WHO TRY TO IMPRESS THEM WITH THEIR ABILITY TO SPEAK ARABIC.

DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF SUCH POLITICIANS, MANY MUSLIMS HAD BEEN MISLED RESULTING IN SOME LOSING THEIR LIVES FOR NOTHING, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

+WHAT IS MORE SADDENING IS THAT SOME OF THE FOLLOWERS OF SUCH POLITICIANS, HAVING BEEN INFLUENCED BY DEVIATIONIST TEACHINGS WERE NOT BATHED OR SHROUDED AFTER THEIR DEATH,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS ADDRESSING ABOUT 10,000 FISHERMEN WHEN OPENING THE FISH LANDING JETTY AT CENDERING NEAR HERE TODAY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT ARRIVED HERE YESTERDAY FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT TO TERENGGANU. -- MORE
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A PERSON WHO KNEW ARABIC NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE A GOOD MUSLIM PRACTISING THE TRUE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM.

+THERE ARE ALSO ARABS WHO ARE CHRISTIANS,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

CERTAIN POLITICIANS WHO WERE ABLE TO SPEAK ARABIC MADE USE OF RELIGION TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN OBJECTIVES AND THE AIMS OF THEIR GROUPS.

THEY DISTORTED THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM AND INTERPRETED THE QURAN OR HADIS WRONGLY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WAS TRYING TO BRING PROSPERITY AND GOOD TO THE PEOPLE ON THE BASIS OF ISLAMIC TEACHINGS, CERTAIN POLITICIANS WERE GOING ALL OUT TO DISRUPT THE UNITY OF MUSLIMS AND CREATE CHAOS IN THE COUNTRY, HE SAID. -- MORE
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+ISLAM DOES NOT ASK ITS FOLLOWERS TO BE IN DISARRAY OR CREATE PROBLEMS FOR OTHERS.+

ISLAM ON THE OTHER HAND CALLED FOR MODERATION IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE INCLUDING IN SPEECH AND ACTION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ISLAM ALSO DID NOT ASK ITS FOLLOWERS TO MAKE ENEMIES AMONG THEMSELVES OR HAVE ENMITY WITH NON-MUSLIMS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED SUCH POLITICIANS TO RETURN TO THE RIGHT PATH AND HELP FORGE UNITY AMONG MUSLIMS AND RESOLVE PROBLEMS WITH HELP FROM THE QURAN AND THE HADIS.

IF THE PEOPLE REMAINED UNITED, PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED AND PROJECTS WHICH BROUGHT BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE COULD BE IMPLEMENTED SMOOTHLY, HE SAID.

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