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KUALA TERENGGANU, APRIL 5 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID HE IS PUZZLED BY THE ATTITUDE OF SOME PAS LEADERS WHO REGARD THE MONEY SPENT BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE INTEREST AND WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE AS +HARAM+ (FORBIDDEN IN ISLAM).

+IT IS STRANGE THAT THE MONEY BECOMES +HALAL+ (SANCTIONED) WHEN IT GOES INTO THEIR COFFERS, + HE SAID WHEN ADDRESSING ABOUT 2,000 LEADERS OF BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES AT THE STATE STADIUM HERE YESTERDAY.

HE SAID AN OBVIOUS EXAMPLE OF WHAT HE CALLED THE PAS LEADERS' HYPOCRISY WAS IN RELATION TO THE SALARIES OR PENSIONS THEY RECEIVED AS THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES.

HE SAID A PAS YOUTH LEADER NOW LIVED COMFORTABLY ON THE PENSION HE RECEIVED FOR HAVING BEEN IN THE GOVERNMENT WHEN PAS WAS A MEMBER OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT BEFORE IT LEFT THE COALITION IN 1977. -- MORE

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+I WONDER WHY, BEFORE JOINING THE BARISAN NASIONAL, PAS REGARDED THE GOVERNMENT'S MONEY AS HARAM. THEN WHEN IT BECAME A BN MEMBER, THE MONEY BECAME HALAL AND WHEN IT WITHDREW FROM THE COALITION THE MONEY SUDDENLY TURNED HARAM AGAIN.

+WHAT IS MORE STRANGE IS THAT AFTER LEAVING THE BN THE PAS LEADERS CONTINUE TO ACCEPT AS PENSION THE MONEY WHICH THEY CLAIM IS HARAM,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IT SEEMED THAT FOR PAS THE GOVERNMENT'S MONEY WAS HARAM WHEN USED FOR THE WELFARE OF THE PEOPLE BUT HALAL WHEN GIVEN TO ITS LEADERS.

TOUCHING ON THE MEMALI INCIDENT AGAIN, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID PAS MEMBERS REGARDED IBRAHIM LIBYA AND HIS 13 FOLLOWERS WHO DIED IN THE INCIDENT AS MARTYRS BUT THE ULAMAKS HAD RULED OTHERWISE.

IF THEY DID NOT DIE AS MARTYRS BUT WERE BURIED WITHOUT BEING BATHED AND SHROUDED, THEN WHAT WERE BURIED WERE MERELY CORPSES, HE ADDED. -- MORE

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ON THE HAJI HADI MESSAGE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IT WAS A WRONG TEACHING AND SHOULD NOT BE FOLLOWED BY THE MUSLIMS.

HE SAID HAJI HADI MIGHT KNOW ABOUT RELIGION BUT THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT HE WAS A HOLY MAY IF HE MISUSED RELIGION.

+IN THIS MATTER, WE SHOULD FOLLOW ADVICE OR TEACHING WHICH IS FOR THE GOOD EVEN IF IT COMES FROM A BAD PERSON AND OPPOSE ADVICE OR TEACHING WHICH ADVOCATES THE BAD EVEN IT IT COMES FROM A GOOD PERSON,+ HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS ON A THREE-DAY VISIT TO TERENGGANU WITH HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, RETURNS TO KUALA LUMPUR THIS EVENING.

WHILE HERE, HE LAID THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE LOW-COST HOUSING PROJECT IN GONG BADAK AND LAUNCHED THE FISH LANDING COMPLEX IN CHENDERING AS WELL AS HAVE MEETINGS WITH POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. -- BERNAMA

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