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JITRA, MAY 1 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY THAT UMNO HAS BECOME A NATIONAL PARTY WHOSE STRUGGLE IS FOR ALL RACES AND WHOSE ACTIONS ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO ANY ONE AREA. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID UMNO HAD COME A LONG WAY SINCE IT WAS SET UP AS A PARTY REPRESENTING THE MALAYS TO STOP THE BRITISH FROM RULING THE COUNTRY.

+FROM THERE, UMNO CONTINUED TO FIGHT FOR INDEPENDENCE AND HAD WORKED TO ENSURE THAT THIS INDEPENDENCE MET THE NEEDS OF UMNO MEMBERS AND THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING A KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES MEETING AT THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH SULTAN ABDUL HALIM, JENAN, NEAR HERE.

HE SAID THAT FROM A PARTY THAT FOUGHT SOLELY FOR THE MALAYS, UMNO HAD BECOME A PARTY THAT FOUGHT FOR ALL RACES, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER RACES WITHOUT IGNORING THE INTERESTS OF THE MALAYS THEMSELVES.

+UMNO HAS BECOME A NATIONAL PARTY AND, BECAUSE OF THIS, ITS STRUGGLE CANNOT BE LIMITED TO ANY ONE AREA ONLY,+ SAID THE UMNO PRESIDENT. -- MORE

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FOR INSTANCE, UMNO COULD NOT FIGHT FOR THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE OF KUBANG PASU OR FOR THE VICTORY FOR ITS CANDIDATE FOR KUBANG PASU ONLY.

+INSTEAD, IN OUR ESTIMATION, VICTORY HERE MUST BE FOLLOWED BY VICTORY OF OTHER CANDIDATES, BE THEY FROM UMNO OR THE OTHER BN COMPONENT PARTIES, IN OTHER AREAS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID UMNO MEMBERS WERE NOT FIGHTING IN THE POLITICAL ARENA FOR THE SAKE OF PUTTING TWO OR THREE PEOPLE INTO POWER AS PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES.

+OUR STRUGGLE IS TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF THE COUNTRY, RACE AND RELIGION,+ HE SAID.

AS A RESULT, HE SAID, UMNO NEEDED TO SECURE A COMFORTABLE MAJORITY IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION TO FORM A GOVERNMENT BECAUSE ONLY THE GOVERNMENT COULD SET THE POLICIES OF THE COUNTRY. -- MORE
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+OUR VICTORY IN ONE AREA HAS NO MEANING UNLESS WE SCORE VICTORIES IN OTHER AREAS AS WELL,+ HE SAID.

BECAUSE OF THIS, HE SAID IT WAS VITAL THAT EVERY CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHER AREAS BESIDES THOSE HELD BY UMNO, TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES TO ACHIEVE VICTORY.

+IF WE CAN ACHIEVE A VICTORY WHEREBY OUR CANDIDATES FORM A MAJORITY, THEN WE CAN FORM A GOVERNMENT. ONLY THEN CAN WE FORMULATE THE COUNTRY'S POLICIES,+ HE SAID.

+ALL OUR MOVEMENTS MUST BE ORGANISED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION VICTORY THAT CAN BE ACHIEVED IN THE OTHER AREAS,+ HE SAID, EXPLAINING HE HAD REPEATED THIS MANY TIMES AND WAS CONFIDENT THE UMNO MEMBERS WOULD UNDERSTAND. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID A GOVERNMENT FORMED WITH A SMALL MAJORITY WOULD BE WEAK AS IT WOULD BE VULNERABLE IF THE OTHER PARTIES DID NOT SUPPORT ANY ONE POLICY IT FORMULATED.

+IF THE GOVERNMENT IS STRONG, A CROSSOVER TO THE OPPOSITION PARTY BY TWO OR THREE MEMBERS WOULD NOT POSE A PROBLEM AS IT WILL STILL REMAIN STRONG WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS,+ HE STRESSED.

AS A RESULT, THE BARISAN NASIONAL NEEDED TO SCORE MORE THAN A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY +NOT BECAUSE WE ARE GREEDY FOR POWER BUT TO ENSURE THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT IS NOT PUT IN JEOPARDY BY TWO OR THREE PEOPLE+, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SPOKE OF THE EFFORTS TO DENY THE BARISAN NASIONAL A TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY VICTORY.

+I REGARD PEOPLE WITH SUCH MOTIVES AS PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WANT PEACE IN THIS COUNTRY ... PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WANT A MAJOR VICTORY ACTUALLY WISH TO SEE A WEAK GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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HE SAID THESE PEOPLE WERE INTERESTED IN GETTING POLITICAL POWER BUT DID NOT DARE VENTURE INTO THE POLITICAL ARENA.

THEY TRIED TO GRASP POLITICAL POWER BY CAMPAIGNING OUTSIDE THE POLITICAL PARTY, GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT IF THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT WAS TOO STRONG, IT WOULD RELEGATE ITS GOOD WORK, HE ADDED.

SINCE INDEPENDENCE, ALL THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS WERE FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE AND THERE WERE NO OTHER INTERESTS THAT WERE GIVEN PRIORITY, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE NATION'S LEADERS AND THE OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT GIVE PRIORITY TO THEIR OWN NEEDS.

FOR INSTANCE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD THE POWER AND RIGHT TO DETERMINE THE WAGES OF THE MINISTERS AND THE PRIME MINISTER AND COULD HAVE RAISED THEM TO ANY LEVEL IT WISHED. -- MORE
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+WE ARE IN POWER BUT WE HAVE NOT DONE SO. WE HAVE NOT ABUSED POWER. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR THE PEOPLE ALL THIS WHILE,+ HE SAID.

IN THE OTHER COUNTRIES, HE SAID, AFTER THE ELECTION, THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES DID NOT HOLD DIALOGUES WITH THE PEOPLE AND HAD, IN FACT, ISOLATED THEMSELVES.

+BUT IN MALAYSIA, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVE CANNOT EVEN SLEEP BECAUSE THEIR CONSTITUENTS COME TO THEIR HOUSE,+ HE SAID.

ALTHOUGH THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT HAD A STRONG MAJORITY, IT CONSTANTLY PUT SERVICE TO THE NATION AND PEOPLE ABOVE ALL ELSE.

HE SAID THERE MIGHT BE +ONE OR TWO LAZY ONES+ WHO MIGHT HAVE SLACKED TOWARDS THE END OF THEIR TERM.

THOSE WHO WERE DILIGENT WOULD GET ANOTHER CHANCE BUT THE LAZY ONES WOULD HAVE TO GO, HE SAID TO APPLAUSE FROM THOSE PRESENT. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE'S REPRESENTATIVES AND WAS ABLE TO SET UP A GOVERNMENT BUT THEY DID NOT BECOME ARROGANT NOR DID THEY FORGET THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE PEOPLE.

BECAUSE OF THIS, HE SAID, THEY SCORED BRILLIANT VICTORIES IN EACH ELECTION.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO BE POPULAR THROUGH IRRESPONSIBLE MEANS, PARTICULARLY IN FACING THE ELECTION.

+WE DO NOT WANT PEOPLE TO LIKE US BY BRIBING THEM. WE DO NOT WANT TO MAKE PROMISES TO GAIN POPULARITY AND, IN FULFILLING THE PROMISES, RUIN THE NATION,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA
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