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JITRA, MAY 1 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY DESCRIBED PAS AS A PARTY THAT IS +DEVIATIONIST+.

+THE REASON I SAY +DEVIATIONIST+ IS BECAUSE THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM THE PARTY WHO GO TO MEMALI TO VISIT THE GRAVE OF IBRAHIM (LIBYA) WHOM THEY REGARD AS A MARTYR,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

(IBRAHIM LIBYA, A SELF-STYLED RELIGIOUS LEADER, AND SEVERAL OF HIS FOLLOWERS WERE KILLED DURING THE NOV 19 BLOODY INCIDENT IN KAMPUNG MEMALI, BALING, WHEN POLICE LAUNCHED AN OPERATION TO APPREHEND CRIMINALS.)

WHAT WAS WORSE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID, WAS THAT SOME OF THESE PEOPLE TOOK A HANDFUL OF SOIL FROM THE GRAVE BACK TO THEIR HOME FOR SALE AS TALISMAN.

+THIS STRAYS A LONG WAY FROM ISLAMIC TEACHINGS,+ THE UMNO PRESIDENT SAID WHEN OPENING THE PARTY'S KUBANG PASU DIVISION DELEGATES MEETING AT SEKOLAH MENENGAH SULTAN ABDUL HALIM, JENAN, NEAR HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THIS AROSE FROM PAS' +CRAVING FOR A SEAT+. -- MORE
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HE SAID THEY WERE DOING ALL SORTS OF THINGS CONTRARY TO ISLAM AND, UNFORTUNATELY, MANY CONFUSED PEOPLE WERE ACCEPTING THEIR WAYS.

RECENTLY, HE SAID, IBRAHIM LIBYA'S GRAVE CAVED IN, EMITTING A FOUL SMELL AND YET IT WAS DESCRIBED AS AROMATIC BY THOSE PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO TOLD THOSE PRESENT OF A PAS TONIC CALLED +TONIK JIHAD+.

+APPARENTLY, IF YOU DRINK THIS TONIC, YOU BECOME INVINCIBLE,+ HE SAID.

SAYING THAT THERE WAS NO WELL WATER THAT COULD CREATE INVINCIBILITY, HE STRESSED THAT THESE BELIEFS WERE IN CONTRADICTION WITH ISLAM. -- MORE
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UNFORTUNATELY, HE SAID, IN COVETING THE SEAT, PAS HAD MISLED THE PEOPLE IN MEMALI TO THE EXTENT WHERE INNOCENT PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES.

HE SAID THAT THE VILLAGE PEOPLE WERE NOT KILLERS AND MANY OF THEM DARED NOT EVEN LOOK AT A CHICKEN BEING SLAUGHTERED.

+BUT LED BY DEVIATIONIST TEACHINGS, THEY WERE WILLING TO SHED BLOOD,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THESE PEOPLE HAD DEVIATED FROM ISLAMIC TEACHINGS AND WERE LED TO BELIEVE IN ALL SORTS OF TEACHINGS CONTRARY TO ISLAM. -- MORE
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HE HAD NO SYMPATHY FOR THESE PEOPLE BUT FOR THEIR FAMILIES.
THIS WAS BECAUSE THE FAMILIES WOULD HAVE MISGIVINGS ALL THEIR
LIFE KNOWING THAT THOSE KILLED HAD BEEN BURIED WITHOUT GOING THROUGH
THE PROPER MUSLIM BURIAL RITES.

HE SAID THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE NAGGING DOUBTS IN THEIR HEARTS
WHETHER THESE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE BEEN BURIED ACCORDING TO THE RITES.

HE SAID THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD ISSUED THE +FATWA+ (RULING) THAT
THOSE WHO DIED WERE MARTYRS DID SO FOR POLITICAL INTERESTS AND NOT
RELIGIOUS.

ALL THESE ACTIONS HAD ARISEN FROM THEIR COVETING FOR SEATS AND
TO BECOME ELECTED TO THE GOVERNMENT, IF POSSIBLE.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR REMINDED UMNO
MEMBERS TO ENSURE THAT THERE WAS NONE AMONG THEM WHO HAD BEEN +WOODED
BY THE DEVIL+.

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+SOMETIMES, THE DEVIL WEARS PANTS AND JUBAH AND SPOUTS VERSES
FROM THE QURAN,+ HE SAID.

UMNO MEMBERS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFENDING ISLAM AND THE MALAYS
AND SHOULD NOT ALLOW THESE +DEVILS+, EVEN IF THERE ARE 100,000 OF
THEM, TO INFLUENCE THEM, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA

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