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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 3 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY UMNO WAS NOT TRYING TO +PLAY A DEVIIOUS GAME+ WITH THE OTHER BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES WHEN IT HELD A MUZAKARAH (DISCUSSION) WITH PAS RECENTLY.

THE MUZAKARAH WAS TO DISCUSS PAS ACTIONS THAT HAD INFLAMED EMOTIONS OF MALAYS IN THE RURAL AREAS TO ENSURE DISTURBANCES WOULD NOT OCCUR IN THE COUNTRY, HE SAID AT A MEETING FOR ABOUT 3,500 FEDERAL TERRITORY BN ELECTION WORKERS HERE.

THE MUZAKARAH WAS ALSO NOT AIMED AT INVITING PAS TO JOIN THE BN, HE SAID, ADDING THAT +ONCE IS ENOUGH+ IN REFERENCE TO PAS' PREVIOUS MEMBERSHIP IN THE BN.

HE SAID PAS WAS NOW TRAPPED BY ITS OWN WORDS BECAUSE HAVING ACCUSED UMNO OF BEING KAFIR FOR COOPERATING WITH THE OTHER COMMUNITIES, PAS ITSELF WAS NOW DOING THE SAME THING. -- MORE (ENDS CORRECTED REPETITION)

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT AND BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, REFERRED TO PAS' CURRENT COOPERATION WITH THE CHINESE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CCC) IN VIEW OF THE IMPENDING GENERAL ELECTION.

WHILE PRAISING LEADERS OF BN COMPONENT PARTIES WHO WERE NOW SPEAKING IN BAHASA MALAYSIA, HE SAID THE OPPOSITION PARTIES +WANT TO HAVE VARIOUS LANGUAGES AND THERE IS NOT EVEN ONE LANGUAGE THAT CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BY ALL.+

+WHEN THERE IS A MEETING BY OPPOSITION PARTIES, ONLY ONE GROUP CAN UNDERSTAND (WHAT IS SPOKEN) AND RECENTLY PAS SEEMS TO WANT TO ACCEPT ALL LANGUAGES INCLUDING THE ESKIMO LANGUAGE,+ HE SAID.

+PAS IS REALLY LIBERAL NOW ... BEFORE, SPEAKING TO NON-MUSLIMS IS WRONG BUT NOW THEY WANT TO GIVE EVERYTHING, BUT THIS IS ALL ONLY MERE RHETORIC.+

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR CRITICISED CERTAIN QUARTERS WHO ALLEGED THAT THERE WAS A HIGH DEGREE OF RACIAL DISHARMONY IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THESE QUARTERS WERE ACTUALLY JEALOUS OF THE SUCCESS OF THE COUNTRY IN FORGING UNITY AMONG ITS MULTIRACIAL POPULATION.

ALTHOUGH THERE MIGHT BE SOME RACIAL DISHARMONY, IT DID NOT REACH THE EXTENT OF CAUSING RIOTS LIKE IN THE OTHER COUNTRIES BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA LIKED PEACE, HE SAID, TO APPLAUSE FROM THE GATHERING.

THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT MALAYSIANS COULD WALK SAFELY IN THE STREETS IN ANY AREA IN THE COUNTRY, UNLIKE IN PARTICULAR AREAS IN CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

THE PEACE THAT MALAYSIA HAD ATTAINED MUST CONTINUE TO BE SAFEGUARDED AND ONLY THE BARISAN NASIONAL COULD ENSURE THIS, HE ADDED.

TOUCHING ON THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION OF THE BN, HE SAID THE COALITION WAS FOUNDED ON A POLICY OF COOPERATION AMONG THE COMPONENT PARTIES WHICH COULD BRING ABOUT BENEFIT TO THEM. -- MORE

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HE SAID, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT THE INDIANS WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE REPRESENTATIVES (IN THE GOVERNMENT) IF SELECTION WAS BASED ON THE CONSTITUENCIES BECAUSE THERE WAS NO CONSTITUENCY IN THE COUNTRY WITH A MAJORITY OF INDIAN VOTERS.

+BUT WITH THE SUPPORT OF UMNO AND THE MCA, WE ARE ABLE TO ALLOT PLACES TO CANDIDATES FROM THE MIC.

+IF THE MIC DOES NOT HAVE CANDIDATES THEN THE 10 PERCENT INDIANS MAKING UP THE POPULATION WILL NOT HAVE ANY REPRESENTATIVE AT ALL,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED THE PARTY MEMBERS TO WORK TO ENSURE A TWO-THIRD MAJORITY VICTORY FOR THE BN SO THAT IT COULD GOVERN THE COUNTRY AND ALL THE COMMUNITIES COULD SPEAK WITH AUTHORITY. --

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