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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 13 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY DESCRIBED THE PAS-INITIATED OPPOSITION FRONT, THE PEOPLE'S JUSTICE MOVEMENT, AS A LAST-MINUTE EFFORT TO GARNER SUPPORT BEFORE THE GENERAL ELECTION.

HE SAID THE SO-CALLED COOPERATION BY THE OPPOSITION PARTIES WAS +INSINCERE+ AND THAT THE LEADERS WERE TRYING TO CHEAT ONE ANOTHER.

THE BARISAN NASIONAL COALITION, ON THE OTHER HAND, WAS SET UP LONG AGO AND +NOT WHEN THE ELECTION WAS AROUND THE CORNER,+ THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS AFTER LAUNCHING THE SPECIAL LOW-COST HOUSING PROGRAMME AT DUSUN NANING IN HULU LANGAT NEAR HERE.

HE SAID THAT PAS HAD FINALLY ADMITTED THAT IT HAD TO COOPERATE WITH THE NON-MUSLIMS.

THE FORMATION OF THE PEOPLE'S JUSTICE MOVEMENT ONLY PROVED THAT PAS HAD ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT IT HAD TO JOIN HANDS WITH NON-MUSLIM LEADERS, HE SAID. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN THE PAST, PAS LEADERS BRANDED UMNO MEMBERS AS +KAFIR+ WHEN UMNO COOPERATED WITH THE NON-MUSLIMS.

+...PAS SHOULD NOW ASK ITSELF WHETHER THE SAME APPLIES TO THEM,+ HE SAID.

ASKED ON THE CHANCES OF THE OPPOSITION FRONT, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: +NO WAY.+

HE SAID THAT IN KELANTAN, THE PAS LEADERS CLAIMED THEY WERE NOT COOPERATING WITH THE CHINESE CONSULTATIVE COUNCILS OR THE SOCIALIST DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP).

BUT, HE SAID, IN THE WEST COAST OF THE PENINSULA, THE PAS LEADERS SPOKE OF COOPERATING WITH THE NON-MUSLIMS. -- MORE
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+THIS ONLY SHOWS THERE IS NO OTHER MOTIVE BUT TO STIR UP ANTI-CHINESE FEELINGS TO WIN IN KELANTAN IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION,+ HE SAID.

IN THE WEST COAST, THE PAS LEADERS WOULD STIR UP ANTI-MALAY FEELINGS TO SEEK VICTORY, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THE UMNO POLITICAL BUREAU WOULD MEET IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER THERE WOULD BE AN ELECTION OR NOT. -- BERNAMA

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