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JITRA, JULY 24 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY LITENED PAS TO COMPANIES INDULGING IN +DOUBLE-YOUR-MONEY+ SCHEMES WHICH AIM TO CHEAT THE PEOPLE OF THEIR MONEY AND PROPERTY.

HE SAID THAT SUCH COMPANIES CHEATED THE PEOPLE BY PROMISING THEM THAT THEIR INVESTMENTS WITH THE COMPANIES WOULD GIVE THEM DOUBLE RETURNS WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD.

WHEN A LOT OF MONEY HAD BEEN COLLECTED, THE COMPANIES WOULD DISAPPEAR, HE SAID, ADDING THAT THIS WAS AN ACT OF ROBBERY.

SPEAKING TO KUBANG PASU BN WORKERS AT SEKOLAH MENENGAH JITRA HERE, HE SAID THAT PAS CHEATED THE PEOPLE BY MAKING COLLECTIONS FROM THEM, INCLUDING THE POOR, FOR WHAT IT CLAIMED TO BE A JIHAD FUND.

BY SAYING THAT THE FUNDS WERE MEANT FOR HELPING THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY, PAS WAS KNOWN TO HAVE RAISED A LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND HAD BECOME A RICH PARTY, UNLIKE IN THE PAST, HE SAID. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE POOR WHO DONATED CASH AND JEWELLERY TO THE +JIHAD FUND+ IN FACT WOULD WANT TO KNOW HOW MUCH HAD BEEN RAISED AND WHAT HAD BEEN SPENT SO FAR.

HE CHALLENGED THE PAS LEADERSHIP TO COME OUT IN THE OPEN ON THE REAL PURPOSE OF THE SETTING UP OF THE FUND AND ON ALL DEALINGS INVOLVING THE MONEY COLLECTED.

PAS WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE FUND WAS NOT USED FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION BUT IT HAD BEEN SEEN THAT PAS HAD BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR, HE SAID, AND ASKED FROM WHERE DID THE MONEY COME.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF PAS SOLELY TO FISH FOR VOTES WAS EVIDENT, ADDING THAT THIS COULD BE SEEN FROM THE PARTY'S PAYMENT OF AT LEAST \$50 TO EACH PERSON WHO COULD PUT UP ITS FLAG AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE.

HE ALSO QUESTIONED THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING MONEY AND OTHER PROPERTY FROM THE POOR AS ISLAM TAUGHT THAT THE RICH SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE POOR AND NOT THE OTHER WAY ROUND. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS DEFENDING THE KUBANG PASU PARLIAMENTARY SEAT FOR THE THIRD TIME, REMINDED BN WORKERS THAT IT WAS THEIR TASK TO ENSURE THAT PAS WAS NOT RETURNED IN THE ELECTION.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT A VICTORY FOR THE BN WOULD NOT BE EASILY ATTAINED IF THE BN WORKERS DID NOT CARRY OUT THEIR TASKS PATIENTLY AND IN A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE THANKFUL BECAUSE THE PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT THEY WERE ENJOYING NOW WAS THE RESULT OF THE SWEAT OF THOSE WHO WORKED HARD TO ENSURE THE VICTORY OF THE ALLIANCE AND LATER THE BN IN EVERY ELECTION SINCE MERDEKA.

KEDAH MENTERI BESAR DATUK PADUKA OSMAN AROFF WHO IS DEFENDING HIS JITRA STATE SEAT AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR HAJI HANAFI RAMLI (TUNJANG STATE SEAT) WERE PRESENT. -- BERNAMA
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