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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 25 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD UNVEILED THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) ELECTION MANIFESTO AT THE UMNO COMPLEX HERE THIS MORNING.

THE 13-POINT MANIFESTO WITH THE SLOGAN +THE PEOPLE'S CHAMPION+ CALLS ON THE PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR FUTURE SAFE BY MAKING A WISE CHOICE.

THE 13 POINTS:

- + PEACE AND STABILITY
- + POVERTY
- + A RELIGIOUS AWAKENING
- + EDUCATION
- + HOUSING
- + EMPLOYMENT
- + CULTURE
- + A LIBERAL, MODERATE AND TOLERANT SOCIETY
- + A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY
- + SOCIAL JUSTICE
- + NATIONAL PRIDE AND FOREIGN POLICY
- + BALANCED DEVELOPMENT
- + NATIONAL UNITY

THE MANIFESTO OFFERS +THE BEST PROMISE FOR THE FUTURE+. -- MORE
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ACCORDING TO THE MANIFESTO, THE PEOPLE'S CHAMPION, THE BN, PLEDGES TO FIGHT FANATICISM AND EXTREMISM TO ENSURE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

FANATICISM AND EXTREMISM ARE ALIEN TO MALAYSIA'S WAY OF LIFE AND AGAINST THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM AND OTHER FAITHS PRACTISED BY MALAYSIANS, IT ADDS.

+WE IN THE BARISAN BELIEVE THAT BEING THE ONLY PARTY THAT IS TOTALLY OPPOSED TO FANATICISM AND EXTREMISM OF ANY SORT, WE ARE THE ONLY FORCE THAT CAN GUARANTEE THE PEACE AND STABILITY OF MALAYSIA.+

PEACE AND STABILITY- THE MANIFESTO SAYS, SHOULD NEVER BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED BUT RATHER +BUILT BRICK BY BRICK, WITH PATIENCE, BY MEN OF GOODWILL AND MODERATION, COMMONSENSE AND PRAGMATISM.+

ON POVERTY, IT SAYS THE BN TAKES PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT OVER THE YEARS AND UNDER ITS CARE, THE COUNTRY HAS TAKEN GREAT STEPS FORWARD IN ERADICATING POVERTY. -- MORE

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HOWEVER, IT REALISES THAT MUCH MORE HAS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED TO ERADICATE POVERTY AND ENSURE EVERY MALAYSIAN +A PLACE IN THE SUN.+ +WE PLEDGE TO THE RURAL POOR OF MALAYSIA THAT IN THE COMING YEARS, THROUGH THE SECOND RURAL DEVELOPMENT REVOLUTION THAT HAS BEEN LAUNCHED, WE WILL INVEST MASSIVE RESOURCES TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT WILL ALLOW THE POOR TO LIFT THEMSELVES FROM THE PIT OF POVERTY.+

IN THIS, NEW VILLAGES, ASSISTANCE FOR THE URBAN POOR IN THE ESTATES, AND LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES HAVE BEEN EARMARKED AS +PART AND PARCEL OF THE WAR AGAINST POVERTY.+

THE MANIFESTO ALSO AFFIRMS THAT MALAYSIA WILL UNDERTAKE TO +ADVANCE DRAMATICALLY IN ITS NATIONAL MISSION TO ERADICATE POVERTY REGARDLESS OF RACE+.

ON A RELIGIOUS AWAKENING, THE MANIFESTO WELCOMES THE RELIGIOUS AWAKENING IN THE COUNTRY PERCEIVED IN THE GREATER TURN TO RELIGION, TO DEEP RELIGIOUS VALUES AND ADHERENCE TO RELIGIOUS PRACTICES. -- MORE BUST DOM

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+WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN EVEN GREATER RELIGIOUS AWAKENING IN MALAYSIA. WHAT WE DEPLORE IS ANY ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT RELIGION AND TO INFLAME RELIGIOUS PASSIONS TO TURN MAN AGAINST MAN -- IN THE NAME OF NOBLE AIMS, BUT IN THE PURSUIT OF THE BASE OBJECTIVE OF GAINING POLITICAL POWER,+ THE MANIFESTO SAYS.

THE BN ALSO PLEDGES TO FIGHT EXTREMISTS WHOM IT DESCRIBES AS BEING SOLELY INTERESTED IN EXPLOITING RELIGION FOR PERSONAL POLITICAL ENDS.

ACKNOWLEDGING EDUCATION AS +A MATTER OF SERIOUS CONCERN TO EVERY PARENT+, THE BN PROMISES TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES AND THE INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING AT EVERY LEVEL.

+WE WILL EXAMINE NEW AVENUES FOR REDUCING THE BURDEN OF PARENTS WHO WANT TO GIVE THE BEST EDUCATION THEY POSSIBLY CAN TO THEIR CHILDREN.+

+WE GIVE YOU THE ADDITIONAL UNDERTAKING THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO RESPECT THE CHOICE OF EACH PARENT IN DETERMINING THE TYPE OF SCHOOL HE WANTS FOR HIS CHILD,+ THE MANIFESTO ADDS. -- MORE

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IN THIS, THE BN PLEDGES THAT +CHINESE AND TAMIL-MEDIUM SCHOOLS WILL CONTINUE IN THEIR PRESENT CHARACTER. +WE GIVE AN ABSOLUTE GUARANTEE THAT THERE WILL BE NO CHANGE.+

ON HOUSING, THE MANIFESTO SAYS THE LAUNCHING OF A SPECIAL PROGRAMME TO BUILD NEARLY A QUARTER MILLION LOW-COST HOUSES OVER THE NEXT THREE YEARS REFLECTS THE BN'S BELIEF OF THE NEED TO GO BEYOND THE BASIC, STATING THAT +THE NEED FOR A ROOF OVER EVERY MALAYSIAN HEAD IS BASIC.+

THE MANIFESTO ALSO DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH IT DESCRIBES AS SERIOUS.

+WE BELIEVE IT IS NOT ONLY AN ECONOMIC PROBLEM BUT ALSO A SOCIAL PROBLEM. IT IS AN OFFENCE TO THE DIGNITY OF MAN. THIS IS WHY WE WE HAVE LAUNCHED A DETERMINED PROGRAMME TO INCREASE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.+

IT ALSO GIVES THE ASSURANCE THAT NO FOREIGN WORKER WILL BE ALLOWED TO HOLD A JOB MEANT FOR MALAYSIANS AND THAT ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS WILL BE DEPORTED. -- MORE

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ON CULTURE, THE MANIFESTO ASSERTS THE BELIEF IN THE EVOLUTION OF A MALAYSIAN CULTURE.

HOWEVER, THIS DOES NOT MEAN THE ERADICATION OR EROSION OF THE ETHNIC CULTURE OF ANY PARTICULAR COMMUNITY, IT STATES.

+ALL MEN MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN RELIGION. CULTURE, LIKE RELIGION CANNOT BE IMPOSED FROM WITHOUT. IT MUST COME FROM THE HEART AND FROM SINCERE PRACTICE.+

IN THIS, THE BN PLEDGES THAT IT WILL CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE FACTS AND REALITIES OUTLINED IN EVOLVING A NATIONAL CULTURE.

MALAYSIAN SOCIETY, IT SAYS, IS UNDER THE ATTACK OF RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL BIGOTS HOPING TO IMPOSE THEIR THOUGHTS AND WAYS ON OTHERS.

+THERE ARE AUTHORITARIAN FORCES WHICH WISH TO REGIMENT, REGULATE AND STRANGULATE SOCIETY AND THE FREEDOM OF THE PEOPLE,+ IT ADDS. -- MORE

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+THE RECORD AND BELIEFS OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL ARE PERFECTLY CLEAR. WE BELIEVE IN A LIBERAL AND TOLERANT SOCIETY WHERE THE PEOPLE SHALL BE FREE TO ACT ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSCIENCE, TO THEIR NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS.+

IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMICS, THE BN PROMISES TO UPHOLD FREE ENTERPRISE AS WELL AS FREE EXPRESSION IN THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SPHERE.

ON A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, IT PLEDGES TO ENSURE THAT DEMOCRACY IN MALAYSIA WILL NOT MEAN THE TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY.

+MALAYSIAN DEMOCRACY GIVES ALL THE ETHNIC COMMUNITIES A SAY IN GOVERNMENT. ALL WHO WISH IT ARE BROUGHT IN. NONE ARE KEPT OUT.+

+IT ENSURES THAT DECISIONS ARE MADE ON THE BASIS OF THE POWER OF PERSUASION AND NOT THE PERSUASION OF POWER.+ -- MORE
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THE MANIFESTO ALSO STATES THAT THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY (NEP), GEARED TOWARDS SOCIAL JUSTICE, HAS ACHIEVED SUBSTANTIAL SUCCESS.

IN THIS, THE BN PLEDGES TO +FINE-TUNE THE ECONOMIC POLICY+ IN THE YEARS TO 1990 +GIVING DUE EMPHASIS TO GROWTH AND THE REDRESSAL OF POVERTY AND INEQUALITY.+

+IT IS A PLEDGE WE MAKE TO THE MALAYSIAN PEOPLE THAT WHATEVER IS WORKED OUT FOR THE POST-1990 ERA WILL BE WORKED OUT ONLY AFTER THE FULLEST CONSULTATION OF ALL SEGMENTS OF SOCIETY.

+THE POST-1990 NATIONAL PROGRAMME OF SOCIAL JUSTICE WILL BE THE OUTCOME OF THE WIDEST NATIONAL CONSENSUS.+

ON NATIONAL PRIDE AND FOREIGN POLICY, THE MANIFESTO STATES THAT WHILE MALAYSIA +IS A SMALL NATION LIVING IN A DIFFICULT WORLD+, IT WILL NOT BE A NATION +ON ITS KNEES+.

+IF HISTORY JUDGES THAT WE ARE WRONG IN FIGHTING FOR MALAYSIA TO HAVE SELF RESPECT AND TO COMMAND THE RESPECT OF OTHER NATIONS, SO BE IT.+

+WE WILL SEEK TO BE A FRIEND OF ALL NATIONS WHICH RESPECT THE DIGNITY OF MAN.+ -- MORE
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MALAYSIA, THE MANIFESTO STATES, WILL NOT YIELD ITS INDEPENDENCE AND WILL NOT STOP STANDING UP FOR THE RIGHTS OF OTHER NATIONS AND OTHER PEOPLES WHO WISH TO BE INDEPENDENT, TO OVERTHROW OPPRESSION AND TO BREATHE THE AIR OF FREEDOM.

IT ALSO ENVISIONS MALAYSIA'S DETERMINATION TO ENTER THE 21ST CENTURY AS A MODERN ECONOMY, STRONG IN PRODUCTION OF COMMODITIES AND AS AN INDUSTRIALISED NATION.

+THERE ARE MANY AT HOME AND ABROAD WHO BELIEVE THAT THIS SMALL NATION OF MALAYSIA SHOULD FOREVER REMAIN HEWERS OF WOOD AND DRAWERS OF WATER. THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE DEFEATISTS, WHO BELIEVE THAT WE CANNOT ENTER THE INTERNATIONAL MARKETPLACE AND COMPETE WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.+

+THERE ARE MANY WHO BELIEVE WE HAVE NO FUTURE IN MANUFACTURING AND MUST REMAIN MERELY PRODUCERS OF RAW MATERIALS,+ IT ADDS. -- MORE
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