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JEMPOL, JULY 25 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD
TODAY HIT OUT AT A SMALL GROUP OF FELDA SETTLERS WHO HE SAID ARE
+BITING THE HAND THAT FED THEM+ BY COLLABORATING WITH PAS.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO IS BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, REGRETTED
THAT THEY WERE NOT GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY BENEFITS THAT HAD BEEN
GIVEN THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT.

ADDRESSING FELDA SETTLERS IN PALONG LAMA HERE, HE SAID THE
GOVERNMENT HAD SPENT MORE THAN \$3 BILLION TO OPEN UP FELDA LAND
SCHEMES IN THE COUNTRY TO ENABLE THE LANDLESS AND THOSE WITH LOW
INCOME ENJOY A BETTER STANDARD OF LIVING.

HE SAID THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HAD APPLIED TO JOIN THE SCHEMES AND
OF THIS ONLY A SMALL NUMBER WAS SELECTED, ADDING THAT BY RIGHT THESE
FORTUNATE ONES SHOULD SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE BY SUPPORTING THE
GOVERNMENT.

HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF BEING GRATEFUL, THEY WERE BITING THE HAND
THAT FED THEM, HE SAID. -- MORE
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HE SAID THE GROUP OF PAS SUPPORTERS WERE ACTING AGAINST ISLAM
WHICH EXHORTED ITS FOLLOWERS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR THE GOOD THEY HAD
RECEIVED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO REITERATED HIS CHALLENGE TO THE PAS
LEADERSHIP TO TABLE THE ACCOUNTS OF ITS +JIHAD FUND+ AS THE PEOPLE
WHO CONTRIBUTED TO IT WANTED TO KNOW HOW THE MONEY WAS BEING SPENT.

IF PAS FAILED TO DO THIS THEN IT WOULD ONLY MEAN THAT PUBLIC
DONATIONS HAD BEEN MISUSED AND THIS FORM OF CHEATING SHOULD NOT
OCCUR IN A PARTY WHICH CLAIMED TO CHAMPION ISLAM, THE PRIME MINISTER
SAID.

HE ALSO HIT OUT AT PAS FOR BOWING TO THE DAP IN ITS EFFORTS TO
FISH FOR VOTES AND IGNORING ITS ORIGINAL AIM OF WANTING TO SET UP AN
ISLAMIC STATE. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO HIT OUT AT THE DAP FOR TRYING TO DENY
THE VOTERS THEIR RIGHT TO ELECT REPRESENTATIVES AND A GOVERNMENT OF
THEIR CHOICE IN THE COMING GENERAL ELECTION.

HE SAID THE PARTY HAD THREATENED TO SEEK COURT ACTION AFTER THE
ELECTION TO OBTAIN AN ORDER THAT THE ELECTION WAS NOT VALID.

HE REMINDED THE OPPOSITION PARTY THAT IT WAS NOT ITS RIGHT TO
DENY THE PEOPLE THEIR RIGHTS, SAYING THE DAP'S ACTIONS WERE VERY
+UNDEMOCRATIC+, CONTRARY TO ITS NAME -- THE DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADDED THAT THE COUNTRY MIGHT BE IN
TURMOIL IF THE OPPOSITION WERE VOTED INTO POWER.

HE SAID ONLY THE BN COULD ENSURE A STABLE GOVERNMENT AND
IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE, REGARDLESS
OF RACE AND RELIGION. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, LATER OPENED THE \$1.6 MILLION GUGUSAN PALONG HEALTH CENTRE.

ALSO PRESENT WERE NEGERI SEMBILAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK MOHAMED ISA ABDUL SAMAD, THE BN CANDIDATE FOR THE JEMPOL PARLIAMENTARY SEAT, HAJI KHALID YUNUS, AND THE BN CANDIDATE FOR THE PALONG STATE SEAT, ENCIK BAHARUDDIN HASSAN.

HAJI KHALID WILL BE CONTESTING AGAINST ENCIK A.SUNDARAJU ALIAS MOHAMED ABDULLAH (PAS) AND THAM KIM SUNG (DAP) WHILE ENCIK BAHARUDDIN WILL FACE ENCIK MOHAMED GANTI SUDIN (PAS). -- BERNAMA
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