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MAHATHIR-REPRESENTATIVE  
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MUAR, JULY 28 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE BEST CHANNEL FOR THE PEOPLE TO PRESENT THEIR GRIEVANCES OR REQUESTS WAS THROUGH THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES. HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WANTED EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY TO BE DEVELOPED SO THAT ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES COULD BE CARRIED ON FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RAKYAT.

HE SAID THAT WHILE BN REPRESENTATIVES RAISED AND SOLVE PROBLEMS THROUGH TALKS, THE OPPOSITION CLAMoured FOR ATTENTION TO PROBLEMS +AT THE TOP OF THEIR VOICES+.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT BEING HUMAN HE WOULD HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME MAKING OUT THE PROBLEMS IF THESE WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A LOT OF +NOISE+.

HE MADE THESE REMARKS AT MEETINGS HERE WITH MUAR CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPRESENTATIVES AND LOCAL RESIDENTS. -- MORE  
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MAHATHIR - WAKIL (ULANGAN DENGAN PEMBETULAN)

MUAR, 28 JULAI (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD BERKATA KERAJAAN LEBIH MUDAH MEMBERI PERUNTUKAN PEMBANGUNAN KEPADA KAWASAN YANG DIWAKILI OLEH WAKIL RAKYAT PARTI-PARTI KOMPONEN BARISAN NASIONAL (BN).

PERDANA MENTERI BERKATA SEBALIKNYA KERAJAAN MENDAPATI SUKAR UNTUK BERBUAT DEMIKIAN JIKA KAWASAN-KAWASAN BERKENAAN DIWAKILI OLEH PEMBANGKANG.

+INI TIDAKLAH BERMakNA KERAJAAN TIDAK MAHU MENOLONG RAKYAT DI KAWASAN ITU TETAPI WAKIL RAKYAT PEMBANGKANG AKAN MENGGUNAKANNYA UNTUK MEMPOPULARKAN DIRI MEREKA, + KATA BELIAU PADA PERJUMPAAN DENGAN DEWAN PERNIAGAAN CINA MUAR DI SINI HARI INI.

KERAJAAN MEMANG BERHASRAT UNTUK MEMBANGUNKAN SEMUA KAWASAN DI NEGARA INI BAGI MEMBOLEHKAN KEGIATAN EKONOMI BERKEMBANG DEMI KEPENTINGAN RAKYAT. -- LAGI  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE BEST WAY OF RESOLVING PROBLEMS WAS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT BY QUARRELLING.

THE ATMOSPHERE CREATED AT SUCH NEGOTIATIONS WOULD ITSELF LEAD TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PARTIES CONCERNED, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED IN THE BN WERE GIVEN EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND THAT EVERY DECISION MADE AT CABINET OR STATE LEVEL WAS REACHED BY CONSENSUS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE BN WAS FORMED TO PROMOTE GREATER RACIAL HARMONY AND THIS EFFORT HAD BORNE FRUIT.

HE SAID THERE WERE INDEED PROBLEMS AMONG THE RACES BUT THE QUESTION WAS HOW THESE COULD BE OVERCOME. -- MORE  
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ON THE OPPOSITION, HE SAID IF THE DAP WON THE ELECTION, THE STOCK MARKET WOULD PLUNGE AND THE ECONOMY WOULD SUFFER.

HE CRITICISED DAP SECRETARY-GENERAL LIM KIT SIANG WHO HE SAID ACTED AS THOUGH HE ALONE WERE CHAMPIONING THE RIGHTS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY.

IF THAT WERE TRUE, HE SAID, MANY PROBLEMS OF THE CHINESE WOULD HAVE REMAINED UNSOLVED.

BUT WITH THE MCA AND GERAKAN IN THE BN, VARIOUS PROBLEMS FACING THE CHINESE HAD BEEN SETTLED THROUGH TALKS, HE SAID.

ON PAS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PARTY'S OBJECTIVE WAS NOT TO SET UP A TRUE ISLAMIC STATE BUT ONE ACCORDING TO THE PERCEPTION OF ONE OF ITS LEADERS BASED ON THE MODEL OF A WEST ASIAN COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA

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