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RAUB, JULY 29 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CRITICISED PAS AND THE DAP FOR COMING OUT WITH ELECTION MANIFESTOS WHICH HE SAID CONTRADICTED THEIR PARTY CONSTITUTIONS JUST FOR THE SAKE OF WOOING VOTERS.

PAS, HE SAID, WAS WILLING TO ABANDON THE PRINCIPLES OF ITS ORIGINAL STRUGGLE IN THE HOPE OF SECURING NON-MALAY VOTES WHILE THE DAP WAS HARPING ON RACIAL ISSUES EVEN THOUGH IT CLAIMED TO BE A MULTIRACIAL PARTY.

THE MANIFESTOS OF THE TWO PARTIES WERE MEANT TO INCITE ANTI-GOVERNMENT FEELINGS AMONG THE PEOPLE AND DID NOT DEAL WITH MATTERS THAT COULD BENEFIT THE PEOPLE, HE SAID AT THE LAUNCHING OF A PRIVATISED LOW-COST HOUSING PROJECT AT BUKIT KOMAN NEAR HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID PAS IN ITS MANIFESTO SPOKE OF JUSTICE, PEACE AND PROSPERITY BUT ITS BEHAVIOUR HAD SHOWN OTHERWISE AS IT HAD TRIED TO DIVIDE AND ALIENATE THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE MUSLIMS.

HE SAID THE MEMALI INCIDENT LAST YEAR STEMMED FROM PAS' ATTITUDE WHICH DIVIDED THE KAMPUNG FOLKS BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PARTY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGERS AND THOSE FROM SURROUNDING KAMPUNGS. -- MORE
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HE SAID THAT BEFORE PAS ENTERED MEMALI, THE VILLAGERS WERE UNITED AND COOPERATED WITH ONE ANOTHER.

AFTER PAS HAD GONE THERE, EVENTS THAT CONTRAVENED ISLAMIC TEACHINGS BEGAN TO TAKE PLACE, HE ADDED.

ON THE DAP, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID WHATEVER DEMOCRACY THERE WAS IN THE PARTY WAS ACCORDING TO THE PERCEPTION OF ITS SECRETARY-GENERAL, ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG.

HE ASKED DAP CHAIRMAN DR CHEN MAN HIN AND DEPUTY SECRETARY-GENERAL LEE LAM THYE TO ACT IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE FREEDOM WITHIN THE PARTY.

HE SAID ENCIK LEE WAS A BETTER LEADER THAN ENCIK LIM BECAUSE OF HIS TOLERANCE AND WILLINGNESS TO COMPROMISE WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WARNED DAP MEMBERS OF ENCIK LIM'S +DICTATORIAL+ ATTITUDE, SAYING ENCIK LIM'S DECISION TO FIELD HIS SON, ENCIK LIM GUAN ENG, IN HIS FORMER KOTA MELAKA CONSTITUENCY WAS AN EFFORT TO PERPETUATE THE +LIM KIT SIANG DYNASTY+. -- MORE
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HE ALSO SAID THE PAS-INITIATED OPPOSITION FRONT WAS CRACKING UP OWING TO LACK OF UNDERSTANDING, SINCERITY AND COOPERATION AMONG THE MEMBER PARTIES.

THE BARISAN NASIONAL, ON THE OTHER HAND, REPRESENTED ALL THE RACES IN THE COUNTRY AND HAD FORMED CLOSE-KNIT COOPERATION AMONG THEM NOT ONLY DURING AN ELECTION BUT AT ALL TIMES TO SERVE THE PEOPLE SINCERELY AND EFFECTIVELY, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE BN AND ITS PREDECESSOR, THE ALLIANCE, HAD BEEN ABLE TO BRING PEACE AND STABILITY TO THE NATION BECAUSE OF THE FAR SIGHTEDNESS OF ITS LEADERS.

ON DEVELOPMENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE BUKIT KOMAN PROJECT WAS ONE OF HUNDREDS OF SIMILAR SCHEMES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE BN GOVERNMENT THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE LOW-INCOME GROUP.

THE \$14 MILLION BUKIT KOMAN PROJECT, COMPRISING 602 UNITS, IS EXPECTED TO BE READY BY THE END OF 1988. -- BERNAMA
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