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RAUB, JULY 29/ (BERNAMA) -- PAHANG MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI NAJIB TUN RAZAK DESCRIBED PRIME MINISTER ~~DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD~~ TODAY AS A CONTEMPORARY NATIONAL LEADER WHOSE STATURE AND INTEGRITY CAN NEVER BE MATCHED BY ANY OPPOSITION LEADER.

LAUNCHING A PRIVATISED LOW-COST HOUSING PROJECT AT BUKIT KOMAN NEAR HERE, HE SAID DAP SECRETARY-GENERAL LIM KIT SIANG OR PAS VICE-PRESIDENT HAJI ABDUL HADI AWANG WERE +DWARFS+ COMPARED WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR.

DATUK NAJIB, WHO IS CONTESTING FOR THE PEKAN PARLIAMENTARY SEAT, ALSO EXPOSED SOME OF THE PROPAGANDA SPREAD BY THE DAP AND PAS IN THE STATE WHICH HE SAID REFLECTED THE SHALLOWSNESS OF THEIR LEADERS' THINKING.

HE SAID PAS APPLIED DIFFERENT DEFINITIONS OF ITS PARTY SYMBOL OF A FULL MOON. TO THE MUSLIMS, IT SAID THE SYMBOL REPRESENTED THE GLORY OF ISLAM WHILE TO THE NON-MUSLIMS, IT WAS INTERPRETATED AS A PING-PONG BALL, PING-PONG BEING A POPULAR GAME AMONG THE CHINESE. -- MORE

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HE SAID THE DAP MEANWHILE WAS MAKING CLAIMS OF THE GOVERNMENT INCURRING A LOSS OF \$44 MILLION LAST YEAR.

DATUK NAJIB SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT A COMPANY SHOWING PROFIT OR LOSS. WHAT HAPPENED WAS MERELY A COMMON CASE OF EXPENDITURE EXCEEDING REVENUE.

REGARDING THE LOW-COST HOUSING PROJECT, HE SAID THE 580 UNITS OF LOW-COST HOUSES TO BE CONSTRUCTED WERE SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE PRESENT NEED OF LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE CONSTRUCTION OF 22 UNITS OF SHOP-HOUSES IS EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF 1988. -- BERNAMA

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