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PULAU PINANG. JULY 30 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY PULAU PINANG WILL HAVE PROBLEMS IF THE DAP IS VOTED INTO POWER IN THE STATE AS THE PARTY BASICALLY REPRESENTS ONLY ONE RACE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS WAS BECAUSE THE STATE POPULATION WAS MULTIRACIAL AND THE DAP WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO LOOK TO THE NEEDS OF THE OTHER COMMUNITIES.

AS SUCH, THE BARISAN NASIONAL MUST ENSURE THE DAP WOULD HAVE NO PLACE IN THE STATE FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE AND DEVELOPMENT, HE TOLD A GATHERING OF BN LEADERS AND WORKERS AT DEWAN TUNKU AT KOMTAR HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS BN CHAIRMAN, SAID THERE WERE A FEW AREAS IN THE STATE WHERE A BN VICTORY WOULD BE DIFFICULT, BUT ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT IMPOSSIBLE PROVIDED THE BN WORKERS STROVE HARD TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO THE ELECTORATE CONCERNED.

HE SAID DAP SECRETARY-GENERAL LIM KIT SIANG, WHO IS CONTESTING THE TANJUNG PARLIAMENTARY AND KAMPUNG KOLAM STATE SEATS, HAD HOPES OF CAPTURING THE STATE AND BECOMING THE CHIEF MINISTER. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS TOLD ENCIK LIM PLANNED TO BECOME A +FULLTIME+ PULAU PINANG RESIDENT SHOULD HE WIN, AND ADDED THAT ENCIK LIM HAD ALSO MADE A SIMILAR PLEDGE WHEN HE CONTESTED IN MELAKA AND IN SELANGOR IN PREVIOUS ELECTIONS.

+HE WOULD MAKE THE SAME PROMISE IF HE GOES TO AUSTRALIA,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID ENCIK LIM WAS CHALLENGING GERAKAN YOUTH LEADER DR KOH TSU KOON IN TANJUNG BECAUSE HE (ENCIK LIM) WANTED TO CREATE PROBLEMS.

HE DESCRIBED DR KOH AS A GOOD AND CAPABLE LEADER WHO HAD PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN CHAMPIONING THE LOT OF THE CHINESE COMMUNITY, SAYING ONLY PEOPLE LIKE DR KOH WOULD BE ABLE TO ENSURE THE WELLBEING OF THE CHINESE.

ON DAP DEPUTY CHAIRMAN KARPAL SINGH, HE SAID IF ENCIK KARPAL SINGH EVER BECAME CHIEF MINISTER +THE PEOPLE OF PULAU PINANG WILL SUFFER AS HE LIKES TO QUARREL.+ -- MORE
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MAHATHIR-DAP 3 PULAU PINANG

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID A WIN FOR THE BN WAS VITAL FOR PRESERVING PEACE IN THE STATE AS ANY TROUBLE WOULD UNDERMINE ITS ECONOMY, WHICH DEPENDED ON THE TOURIST INDUSTRY TO A LARGE EXTENT.

HE ALSO TOUCHED ON THE MAY 13 AND MEMALI INCIDENTS, SAYING HE WAS DOING THIS SO THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD LEARN FROM HISTORY AND AVOID A REPETITION OF SUCH EVENTS.

HE SAID NO ONE STOOD TO GAIN FROM SUCH TRAGEDIES, ADDING THAT THE MEMALI INCIDENT SHOULD SERVE AS A LESSON TO THE PEOPLE NOT TO ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE ENTRAPPED BY THE EMPTY PROMISES OF THE OPPOSITION.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO ASKED THE PEOPLE TO LOOK AT PAS' ELECTION MANIFESTO WHICH HE CLAIMED SAID NOTHING ABOUT ITS PROPOSED ISLAMIC STATE, ONLY JUSTICE, PROSPERITY AND PEACE.

HE SAID IT WAS A PLOY AS PAS WANTED TO SET UP A +MULLAH+ (CLERGY) GOVERNMENT WITH ABSOLUTE POWERS IN THE HANDS OF THE PAS ULAMA'S (THEOLOGIAN'S). -- MORE
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HE SAID IF PAS FORMED THE GOVERNMENT, THE NON-MUSLIMS, WOMEN AND OTHERS WOULD LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE, BECOME ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OR MINISTERS OR HOLD OTHER KEY POSITIONS.

EARLIER, CHIEF MINISTER DR LIM CHONG EU SAID THE STATE BN WAS GOING ALL OUT TO COUNTER THE PACT BETWEEN THE DAP AND PAS IN THE STATE.

HE SAID THE BN WOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE TO ENABLE IT TO PROVIDE A STABLE GOVERNMENT AND CONTINUE ITS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR LATER ATTENDED THE PRESENTATION OF OFFER LETTERS TO APPLICANTS OF A LOW-COST FLAT PROJECT IN JALAN KEDAH.

ALSO PRESENT WERE DEFENCE MINISTER AND STATE UMNO LIAISON CHIEF DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI AND DR KOH. -- BERNAMA
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