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TAIPING, JULY 30 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY SPOKE OF HOW THE DAP IS COOPERATING WITH PAS TO TOPPLE THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A SLOGAN CALLING FOR THE DENIAL OF A TWO-THIRD MAJORITY FOR THE BN.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE SLOGAN GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PARTY THOUGHT THE BN WOULD WIN AND REMAIN THE GOVERNMENT BUT IT WAS ACTUALLY A DEEPER STRATEGY BY THE DAP TO ERODE THE PEOPLE'S SUPPORT FOR THE BN AND TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THAT IF THE DAP REALLY WANTED TO REDUCE THE BN'S TWO-THIRD MAJORITY, +WHY IS IT NOT CONCENTRATING ON DOING JUST THAT BUT HAS INSTEAD FIELDED CANDIDATES FOR 84 PARLIAMENTARY SEATS?+

+THIS MEANS THE DAP WANTS THE BN TO LOSE THROUGH COOPERATING WITH PAS WHICH HAS ALSO FIELDED MANY CANDIDATES,+ HE TOLD THOUSANDS OF BN SUPPORTERS AT THE TOWN HALL HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, ARRIVED HERE FROM KUCHING THIS MORNING AFTER AN OVERNIGHT VISIT TO SARAWAK. HE WAS MET BY PERAK MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI RAMLI NGAH TALIB. HE LATER LEFT FOR PULAU PINANG.

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADVISED THE PEOPLE TO BE WARY OF THE DAP'S TRICKERY, SAYING THE PARTY HAD NEVER BEEN SINCERE OR DONE ANYTHING FOR THE PEOPLE BUT HAD INSTEAD ATTEMPTED TO SOW ANTI-GOVERNMENT FEELINGS AMONG THEM.

HE ALSO REMINDED THEM OF HOW THE DAP HAD SECURED SEATS IN THE 1969 GENERAL ELECTION BY APPEALING TO THE VOTERS TO HELP ENSURE ITS CANDIDATES DID NOT LOSE THEIR ELECTION DEPOSITS, AND IN THE PROCESS GAINED MANY SYMPATHY VOTES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO TOUCHED ON THE PAS ELECTION MANIFESTO STRESSING JUSTICE, PEACE AND UNITY WHICH HE SAID CONTRADICTED NOT ONLY THE PARTY'S CONSTITUTION BUT ALSO ITS ACTIONS.

+WHAT KIND OF PEACE IS PAS STRUGGLING FOR WHEN IT INCITED THE VILLAGERS OF KAMPUNG MEHALI TO CHALLENGE THE AUTHORITIES, RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF 18 PEOPLE?+ HE ASKED.

+I WOULD LIKE TO ASK PAS PRESIDENT HAJI YUSOF RAWA OR (VICE-PRESIDENT) HAJI HADI AWANG WHAT IS MORE UNJUST IN ISLAM THAN CALLING OTHER MUSLIMS KAFIR, DIVIDING MUSLIMS AND CLAIMING THAT ALLAH IS A PAS MEMBER.+ -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT AND BN CHAIRMAN, HOWEVER BELIEVED THE DECEPTION EMPLOYED BY THE DAP AND PAS TO OUST THE BN GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT SUCCEED AS THE PEOPLE WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE THEIR FULL BACKING TO THE BN.

HE SAID THE ELECTION WAS NOT MERELY FOR THE PEOPLE TO ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN PARLIAMENT OR THE STATE ASSEMBLIES BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO DETERMINE WHO WAS IN A BETTER POSITION TO FORM A STRONG GOVERNMENT.

HE ALSO SAID THE PEOPLE MUST ACCEPT THE FACT THAT MALAYSIA COMPRISED MANY RACES AND THAT THE BEST MEANS TO SAFEGUARD EVERYONE'S INTEREST WAS BY COOPERATION THROUGH THE BN.

HE SAID THERE WAS NO DENYING THAT THE COOPERATION AMONG THE MALAYS, CHINESE AND INDIANS IN THE ALLIANCE HAD ENABLED THE COUNTRY TO ATTAIN INDEPENDENCE AND THAT RACIAL UNITY HAD LED TO THE PRESENT INTENSE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

HE SAID THE VARIOUS RACES HAD BEEN EFFECTIVELY REPRESENTED IN THE BN SINCE MERDEKA WHILE THE OPPOSITION'S EFFORTS TO PRESENT A UNITED FRONT WAS NOT ONLY AN INEPT COPY OF THE BN SETUP BUT ALSO AN INSINCERE ONE WITH THE LEADERS TRYING TO DECEIVE ONE ANOTHER.

ON THE OTHER HAND, BN LEADERS WERE SINCERE AND WERE NOT POWER GREEDY AND WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT INTO THE COALITION ANY PARTY WHICH BELIEVED IN COOPERATION AND SOLIDARITY, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA

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