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BACUK, JULY 31 (BERNAMA) PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR  
~~MAHATHIR MOHAMAD~~ TODAY SAID PAS HAS COMMITTED AN INJUSTICE  
UNACCEPTABLE TO MUSLIMS BY INDISCRIMINATELY BRANDING UMNO MEMBERS  
INFIDELS.

HE SAID THIS ACTION HAD CLEARLY CONTRAVENED ISLAMIC PROCEDURES  
IN THE MATTER WHICH ADJURED THOSE WHO WOULD ACCUSE OTHERS OF  
INFIDELISM TO FIRST THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THE BACKGROUND OF THEIR  
TARGET TO ENSURE THE ACCUSATION WAS JUSTIFIED, AS WAS DONE BY THE  
GOVERNMENT REGARDING FOLLOWERS OF THE QADIANI TEACHING.

OPENING THE BACHUK UMNO DIVISION OFFICE IN JELAWAT NEAR HERE,  
THE PRIME MINISTER ASKED WHETHER PAS VICE-PRESIDENT HAJI HADI AWANG  
HAD CONDUCTED SUCH AN INVESTIGATION OF EVERY UMNO MEMBER FIRST  
BEFORE DARING TO ACCUSE THEM OF INFIDELISM.

THE QUESTION HE POSED EVOKED SHOUTS OF "NO" FROM A LARGE NUMBER  
OF THE MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE PRESENT.

HE ALSO ASKED PAS WHERE THE TRUTH IN ITS CLAIM OF CHAMPIONING  
JUSTICE LAY WHEN IT HAD CLEARLY BEEN UNJUST IN BRANDING UMNO MEMBERS  
INFIDEL WITHOUT FIRST BOTHERING TO FIND OUT WHETHER THE ACCUSATION  
HAD BASIS. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO QUESTIONED WHETHER PAS WAS REALLY  
FIGHTING FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE WHEN ITS ACTIONS HAD LED  
TO THE MEMALI INCIDENT WHICH TOOK THE LIVES OF MUSLIMS.

HE ASKED WHETHER IT WAS GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE FORCED TO  
DONATE TO THE PARTY AND WHETHER IT WAS JUST FOR THE PARTY TO COLLECT  
MONEY FROM THE POOR FOR ITS JIHAD (HOLY WAR) FUND WHEN THE PARTY DID  
NOT APPEAR TO BE WAGING ANY HOLY WAR.

HE WANTED TO KNOW WHERE PAS HAD NOW PUT ITS PRIDE AFTER BEING  
WILLING TO BEG THE DAP TO COOPERATE WITH IT AND TO CONTEMPLATE  
DROPPING ITS IDEA OF SETTING UP AN ISLAMIC STATE IN ITS MANIFESTO  
SOLELY TO WOO THE DAP.

SEVERAL PEOPLE PRESENT SAID THE QUESTIONS POSED BY THE PRIME  
MINISTER HAD OPENED THEIR EYES TO THE TRUE MOTIVE OF THE PAS  
STRUGGLE WHICH THEY AGREED HAD DEVIATED FROM THE ORIGINAL OBJECTIVE  
OF THE PARTY.

THEY FELT GENERALLY THAT PAS WAS WILLING TO RESORT TO ANYTHING  
TO CONFUSE THE PEOPLE AND FISH FOR VOTES SOLELY TO GET ELECTED,  
WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES TO THE MALAYS AND MUSLIMS IN THE COUNTRY.

THEY ALSO AGREED WITH AND SUPPORTED THE PRIME MINISTER'S  
OBSERVATION THAT LEADERS WHO ONLY KNEW HOW TO MAKE WILD ACCUSATIONS  
(LIKE PAS LEADERS) SHOULD NEVER BE GIVEN THE MANDATE TO GOVERN THE  
COUNTRY BUT SHOULD BE REJECTED ONCE AND FOR ALL. -- BERNAMA  
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