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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 24 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO PRESIDENT (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY UMNO'S PHILOSOPHY IS NOW THREATENED AND CAN NO LONGER ENSURE SUCCESS FOR THE PARTY AFTER SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE CHOSEN TO SET ASIDE TRADITION AND ADVANCE THEIR OWN AMBITIONS OVER THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE RACE.

UMNO'S PHILOSOPHY FOLLOWED ALL THIS WHILE HAD ENABLED THE PARTY TO BRING HAPPINESS AND WELLBEING TO THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY, HE SAID IN HIS POLICY ADDRESS AT THE OPENING OF THE 38TH UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT THE DEWAN MERDEKA OF THE PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE (PWTC) HERE.

HE SAID BECAUSE UMNO WAS NOT OVERLY EXTREMIST, THE PARTY HAD BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK OF COOPERATION WITH THE OTHER COMMUNITIES AND POLITICAL PARTIES IN MALAYSIA.

+UMNO GIVES PRIORITY TO PEACE AND DOES NOT LIKE EXTREMISM. IT RESPECTS AND UPHOLDS THE CONCEPT AND PRACTICES OF A SYSTEM OF PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY AND CONSTITUTIONAL MONARCHY.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS THE PRIME MINISTER, SAID UMNO HAD SCORED VARIOUS SUCCESSES, NOT ONLY BECAUSE IT WAS AN ORGANISATION WITH A NATIONALISTIC SPIRIT BUT ALSO BECAUSE ITS IDEOLOGY SUITED A PLURAL SOCIETY LIKE MALAYSIA.

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+THE PHILOSOPHY ESPOUSED BY UMNO IS MOST SUITABLE FOR A MULTIRACIAL COUNTRY. UMNO GIVES STABILITY TO MALAYSIA,+ HE ADDED. +FOR AS LONG AS UMNO REMAINS STRONG AND STABLE, ITS ABILITY TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS CAN NEVER BE IN DISPUTE.+

HIS 45-MINUTE ADDRESS WAS ATTENTIVELY FOLLOWED BY THE 2,929 DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS IN DEWAN MERDEKA WHO APPLAUDED EVERY NOW AND THEN WHEN DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOUCHED ON CERTAIN ISSUES CRUCIAL TO THE FUTURE OF THE PARTY.

HE STRESSED THAT UMNO'S IDEOLOGY WAS WITHOUT COMPARISON, AND IN FACT COULD NOT BE DOUBTED, ESPECIALLY IN HELPING AND PROTECTING THE BUMIPUTERAS, IN PARTICULAR, THE MALAYS.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE PROBLEM FACED BY UMNO LEADERS TODAY WAS THAT WHILE THEY HAD THE SPIRIT FOR BIG AMBITIONS, THEY WERE HANDICAPPED BY THE CONSTRAINTS FACING THEM.

THEY WERE PLACED IN AN IMPOSSIBLE DILEMMA. WHATEVER THEIR DECISION, IT WAS BOUND TO BE AT THE EXPENSE OF SOMETHING ELSE. +THIS IS THE PROBLEM THAT WILL BE FACED BY ANYONE WHO LEADS UMNO,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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HE SAID THE BENEFITS ENJOYED TODAY WERE THE FRUITS OF UMNO'S STRUGGLE -- WHETHER IN OPPOSING THE MALAYAN UNION PROPOSAL, ACHIEVING MERDEKA (INDEPENDENCE), GIVING INDEPENDENCE MEANING WITH DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADING THE ECONOMY AND EDUCATION OF THE MALAYS.

HE SAID THE COUNTRY HAD AFTER ATTAINING INDEPENDENCE UNDERGONE VARIOUS TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS, INCLUDING THE CONFRONTATION BY A NEIGHBOURING COUNTRY AND THE PAP THREAT TO PUBLIC ORDER WITH ITS +MALAYSIAN MALAYSIA+ SLOGAN WHEN SINGAPORE WAS PART OF MALAYSIA AT ONE TIME.

PAKISTAN HAD ALSO SEVERED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MALAYSIA BECAUSE OF THIS COUNTRY'S SUPPORT FOR INDIA AND MALAYSIA WAS LABELLED NEO-COLONIALIST DUE TO ITS POLICY OF SUPPORTING THE WESTERN POWERS THEN.

ON THE HOME FRONT, KELANTAN WAS THREATENING SECESSION FROM THE FEDERATION OF MALAYSIA, SARAWAK REJECTED THE CENTRAL AUTHORITY AND SABAH WAS IN TURMOIL WHEN A SECTION OF ITS POPULATION WANTED A PULL-OUT FROM MALAYSIA BECAUSE OF SINGAPORE'S EXPULSION.

APART FROM THESE, THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS LAUNCHED A CAMPAIGN OF TERROR AFTER INDEPENDENCE. THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE WAS ASSASSINATED IN KUALA LUMPUR AND THE PERAK CHIEF POLICE OFFICER IN IPOH. COMMUNAL RIOTS BROKE OUT IN 1969. -- MORE
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+BUT THE COUNTRY LED BY UMNO LEADERS, ADMINISTERED BY UMNO FORMING THE PILLAR OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT, SUCCEEDED IN SURMOUNTING THESE DIFFICULTIES.

+ALL THE INCIDENTS PASSED INTO HISTORY, DUE TO THE CALIBRE OF UMNO IN HEADING THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE ADDED..

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR REFERRED TO A STATEMENT BY THE LATE TUN DR ISMAIL WHO HAD SAID THE POST-MERDEKA GENERATION WOULD POSE A PROBLEM BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT EXPERIENCED THE BITTERNESS AND HARDSHIPS OF THE INDEPENDENCE STRUGGLE.

HE HAD SAID THIS YOUNG GENERATION WOULD SEE MERDEKA AND THE BENEFITS ACCRUING FROM IT AS AN ORDINARY COURSE OF EVENTS. THEY WOULD ALSO HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID WHAT HAD BEEN FORSEEN BY TUN DR ISMAIL CAME TO PASS. BUT THE GREAT UMNO LEADER HAD NOT ANTICIPATED ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BESET UMNO.

+BECAUSE THE YOUNG NEED TO BE GIVEN A PLACE IN UMNO, THUS ARE FRUSTRATED MANY MEMBERS WHO HAD JOINED UMNO MUCH EARLIER,+ HE SAID.
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HE REMINDED MEMBERS THAT UMNO AS THE MOST IMPORTANT ENTITY IN THE MALAY POLITY COULD NOT KEEP STAY ALOOF FROM THE DESTINY AND CHANGES AFFECTING THE MALAY RACE.

ITS FORMATION AND CONSTITUTION THEMSELVES WERE A RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF UMNO'S RESPONSIBILITY IN DETERMINING THE FUTURE OF THE MALAYS, ISLAM AND COUNTRY.

HE STRESSED THAT MALAY HONOUR COULD NOT BE UPHELD BY MERELY ASKING OTHERS TO RESPECT THE COMMUNITY. THE MALAYS THEMSELVES MUST PROVE THEY HAD THE NOBLE QUALITIES AND THE SUCCESS TO EARN THE RESPECT.

HOWEVER, WHILE THE COMMUNITY HAD ACHIEVED SUCCESS IN POLITICS, ITS ATTAINMENTS FROM THE RELIGIOUS, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS WERE NOT THAT SATISFACTORY.

ACCORDING TO HIM, THE GOVERNMENT HAD INTRODUCED THE POLICY OF ASSIMILATION OF ISLAMIC VALUES BECAUSE MUSLIMS HAD FAILED TO BE TRUE TO MANY OF THE ISLAMIC TEACHINGS BY CREATING HOSTILITY AMONG THEMSELVES, AND HAVING LITTLE REGARD FOR TRUSTWORTHINESS, TOLERANCE AND JUSTICE. -- MORE
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IN THE SOCIAL FIELD, MALAYS OFTEN KEPT TO THEMSELVES, RESULTING IN THE COMMUNITY HAVING LITTLE SUCCESS IN INFLUENCING OTHERS, WHILE IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, THE BUMIPUTERAS COULD MANAGE ONLY 18 PERCENT PARTICIPATION, AND THAT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE ROLE PLAYED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD IDENTIFIED SEVERAL EVIDENT WEAKNESSES IN THE MALAY NATURE AND HAD CONDUCTED COMPREHENSIVE COURSES TO EXPOSE AND ENLIGHTEN THE MALAYS ON THE CHARACTERISTICS HINDERING THEIR SUCCESS.

THE TRAINING CAMPS FOR THIS PURPOSE AS WELL AS THE CURRICULUM AND FORM OF THE COURSES HAD BEEN PROVIDED. POLITICAL LEADERS AND SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS HAD ATTENDED THE COURSES.

HE SAID THE RESULTS HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING AND IT WAS HOPED A GREATER NUMBER OF MALAYS WHO WERE MORE COMPETENT, RESPONSIBLE AND DEDICATED IN ALL THEIR FIELDS OF ENDEAVOUR WOULD EMERGE.

+IF THE AIM OF THE COURSE IS REALISED, THE MALAYS ESPECIALLY WILL NO LONGER DEPEND COMPLETELY ON THE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR POLITICAL POWER TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS..+ -- MORE
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HE SAID HISTORY WOULD COMMEND OR CONDEMN THE MALAYS DEPENDING ON WHETHER THEY SUCCEEDED OR FAILED JUST AS IT HAD PAID TRIBUTE TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF UMNO UP TO THE PRESENT TIMES.

+IT IS UP TO US ALL TO DETERMINE THE VERDICT OF HISTORY ON WHAT HAPPENS FROM TODAY UNTIL THE DECADES YET TO COME,+ HE SAID.

+REMEMBER, NO ONE, INCLUDING MYSELF, IS INDISPENSABLE. WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS UMNO, AS AN ORGANISATION FOR CHANGING THE LOT OF THE MALAYS.

+DO NOT LET HISTORY, DO NOT LET THE FUTURE GENERATION, DO NOT LET OUR GRANDCHILDREN VILIFY US FOR ALLOWING BASE DESIRES TO CONTROL US AND THUS SHATTER ALL THEIR HOPES,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.
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