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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 26<sup>87</sup> (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY EXPRESSED HAPPINESS THAT THE NEGATIVE PREDICTION THAT THE 38TH UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD BE MARKED BY UNDESIRABLE INCIDENTS HAD PROVEN FALSE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, HE SAID, THE SMOOTH RUNNING AND HARMONIOUS ATMOSPHERE OF THE ASSEMBLY REFLECTED THE MATURITY OF THE MALAYS.

WINDING UP THE DEBATE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ASSEMBLY, HE SAID THAT BASED ON THIS ATTRIBUTE, IT WAS MOST APPROPRIATE THAT UMNO BE THE RULING POWER IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THAT THE WAY THE DELEGATES HELD THE ELECTION -- IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CALM AND PEACE -- +NO ONE CAN QUESTION OUR QUALIFICATION TO LEAD THE BARISAN NASIONAL.+

HE ALSO SAID FEAR THAT THE PREDICTION OF UNDESIRABLE INCIDENTS MIGHT COME TRUE PROMPTED THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL TO HOLD THREE ADDITIONAL SPECIAL MEETINGS. -- MORE  
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THE SUPREME COUNCIL'S WORRY OVER THE SECURITY ASPECT AT THE ASSEMBLY WAS BASED ON TALK THAT THERE WOULD BE DEMONSTRATIONS, JEERING AND PUTTING UP OF BANNERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE SUPREME COUNCIL WAS SENSITIVE TO THE SECURITY ASPECT AS 10,000 PEOPLE WERE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE ASSEMBLY.

+IF WE PUT 10,000 PEOPLE HERE (PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE), THE RUNNING OF THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE AFFECTED.+

HE SAID THERE WAS ALSO TALK THAT 10,000 PEOPLE TO BE ACCOMMODATED AT STADIUM NEGARA TO FOLLOW THE PROCEEDINGS VIA LIVE TELECASTS WOULD TAKE PART IN A PROCESSION AND +GATE-CRASH+ THE PWTC.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO HOME MINISTER, SAID HE WAS CONSTANTLY KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS BY THE POLICE AND WAS HAPPY THAT ALL INCIDENTS PREDICTED DID NOT OCCUR. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT THE DELEGATES AIRED CONSTRUCTIVE VIEWS DURING THE DEBATE ON SEVERAL ISSUES.

NOT ONLY THAT, THERE WERE DELEGATES WHO PREPARED THEIR SPEECHES IN ADVANCE, HE SAID.

THIS POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, HE SAID, RESULTED FROM HIS VISITS TO THE VARIOUS STATES TO MEET PARTY LEADERS AND MEMBERS AT ALL LEVELS.

DURING THE VISITS, HE EXPLAINED TO THEM THE NEED TO CONSIDER THE ASSEMBLY AS A SERIOUS FORUM, HE ADDED.

HE SAID HE WAS GLAD THAT THEY SHOWED AWARENESS OF THEIR HEAVY RESPONSIBILITIES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE MADE THE TOUR OF THE VARIOUS STATES BECAUSE HE FOUND THE STANDARD OF DEBATE AT THE PREVIOUS ASSEMBLY HAD DROPPED. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO TOLD THOSE WHO WERE RETURNED TO POSTS IN THE SUPREME COUNCIL THAT THEY HAD A HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY TO BEAR.

THEIR RESPONSIBILITY WAS TO ALL DELEGATES AND PARTY MEMBERS AND NOT MERELY TO THOSE WHO ELECTED THEM, HE SAID. -- BERNAMA  
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