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KAPAR, SELANGOR, JUNE 9<sup>87</sup> (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE WAS RE-ELECTED UMNO PRESIDENT IN THE APRIL PARTY ELECTIONS BECAUSE THERE WERE ENOUGH UMNO MEMBERS WHO STILL HELD TO DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND COULD NOT BE INFLUENCED BY VILE ACCUSATIONS.

HE SAID THE VICTORY WAS NOT HIS ALONE BUT ONE FOR THE PARTY WHICH HAD MEMBERS WHO COULD NOT FALL PREY TO SLANDER AND LIBEL.

+IF UMNO WAS FILLED WITH A MAJORITY OF MEMBERS WHO NO LONGER HELD FIRMLY TO THE PRINCIPLES OF UMNO, THEN I WOULD HAVE LOST IN THE ELECTION,+ HE SAID AT A JOINT HARI RAYA AND THANKSGIVING FUNCTION FOR HIS VICTORY ORGANISED BY THE KAPAR UMNO DIVISION HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID UMNO SHOULD TAKE PRIDE THAT THERE WERE MEMBERS WHO WERE MATURE ENOUGH NOT TO STRAY FROM PARTY PRINCIPLES OR BELIEVE IN UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS.

THIS AUGURED WELL FOR UMNO'S FUTURE AND PARTY MEMBERS SHOULD STRIVE TO INCREASE THEIR RANKS WITH PEOPLE OF SUCH CALIBRE SO THAT UMNO WOULD CONTINUE TO BE STRONG AND LEAD THE BARISAN NASIONAL, HE SAID. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: +WE SHOULD NOT DIVULGE OUR PROBLEMS TO OTHERS INCLUDING OUR ENEMIES FOR THIS WILL ONLY TURN US INTO PEOPLE WHO CANNOT BE TRUSTED.+

+IT IS BETTER WE DISCUSS (PROBLEMS) BEHIND CLOSED DOORS RATHER THAN MAKE STATEMENTS WHICH WILL HURT OTHER PEOPLE AND BRING NO BENEFIT,+ HE SAID.

THE PEOPLE SURELY DID NOT WANT INCIDENTS WHICH HAD AFFECTED DEVELOPMENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE THERE WAS NO POLITICAL STABILITY TO HAPPEN HERE, HE SAID.

+I AM ALSO DIRECTING THIS TO ALL UMNO LEADERS SO THAT WE WILL BE VICTORIOUS AND CONTINUE TO REMAIN A STRONG PARTY TO LEAD THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO TOUCHED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING A WORK-HARD ATTITUDE WITHOUT CONSIDERING OVERTIME PAYMENTS AS A FORM OF SACRIFICE TO HELP DEVELOP THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IN EMULATION OF THE PEOPLES OF SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN. -- MORE

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AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, THE SALARIES OF JAPANESE WORKERS WERE VERY MUCH LOWER THAN THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN MALAYSIA BUT NOW EVEN THOUGH THEIR PAY WAS FOUR TO FIVE TIMES HIGHER THE PRICE OF THEIR MANUFACTURED GOODS HAD NOT SHOT UP BECAUSE OF THEIR HIGH PRODUCTIVITY, HE SAID.

DATUK BERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO ADVISED THE PEOPLE TO BE SENSITIVE TO THE PRESENT SITUATION AND COUNT THEIR BLESSINGS INSTEAD OF MAKING COMPARISONS WITH OTHERS.

HE SAID A CALM AND PEACEFUL SOCIETY COULD EASILY ACHIEVE SUCCESS COMPARED TO A SOCIETY WHOSE PEOPLE WERE DISSATISFIED FROM ENVYING OTHERS AND FORGETTING THAT THEY WERE STILL BETTER OFF.

DATUK BERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE NATION WAS SUCCESSFULLY OVERCOMING THE RECESSION THOUGH THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO CLAIMED THE PRESENT SITUATION WAS VERY SEVERE BECAUSE THE PRIME MINISTER WAS NO GOOD.

HE SAID COMMODITY AND SHARE PRICES SHOWED SIGNS OF RECOVERING AND HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE NATIONAL ECONOMY WOULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE FURTHER IF THE PEOPLE WORKED HARD.

PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WERE BELANGOR MENTERI BESAR DATUK MUHAMMAD HAJI TAIB AND DEWAN RAKYAT DEPUTY SPEAKER D.P. VIJENDRAN WHO IS ALSO MP FOR KAPAR. -- BERNAMA

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