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ALOR SETAR, AUG 17 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY URGED BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT MEMBERS TO RESOLVE ALL PROBLEMS THROUGH DISCUSSIONS.

THEY NEED NOT EXPOSE ANY ISSUE THROUGH THE MASS MEDIA OR ISSUE PRESS STATEMENTS TO EXPRESS THEIR DISSATISFACTION, HE SAID.

ADDRESSING ABOUT 400 KEDAH BN LEADERS OF VARIOUS LEVELS HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THEY SHOULD MAKE USE OF PARTY CHANNELS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS BN CHAIRMAN, SAID EXPOSING PROBLEMS IN THE PRESS WOULD BE A LOSS TO THE BN AND A GAIN TO OPPOSITION PARTIES.

HE URGED BN LEADERS TO TAKE SERIOUS NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THE OPPOSITION WAS CONTINUING TO HURL UNFOUNDED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. -- MORE

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THEY SHOULD NOT ALWAYS QUARREL AMONG THEMSELVES AND ALLOW OTHERS TO CONDEMN THE GOVERNMENT.

+IF WE ALLOW CONTINUED SLANDER AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT AND DO NOT COUNTER IT, WE WILL LOSE THE POWER VESTED IN THE GOVERNMENT.+

HE REGRETTED THERE WERE BN LEADERS WHO BECAME INFLUENCED BY THE OPPOSITION ONSLAUGHT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

AS A GOVERNMENT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, IT HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTINUE PROVIDING GOOD ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID BN LEADERS SHOULD BE VIGILANT TO ATTEMPTS BY CERTAIN QUARTERS TO TAKE AWAY THE POWERS OF THE GOVERNMENT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE. -- MORE

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SUCH ACTION WAS VERY DANGEROUS AND THERE WOULD BE CHAOS IN THE COUNTRY IF BN WAS OUSTED FROM POWER.

ON THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IT HAD NOT RECOVERED FULLY AND BN MEMBERS SHOULD BE PATIENT.

THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE LONG STANDING UNITY WITHOUT ANY COMMUNAL CONFLICT.

THE ECONOMY COULD BE REVITALISED BY A STABLE GOVERNMENT UNDER THE BN LEADERSHIP, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID. -- BERNAMA

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