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(EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AFTER 9.30 TONIGHT)

KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 30 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT LOYALTY TO THE COUNTRY IS ONE VIRTUE THAT CAN DEFEND ITS FREEDOM AND HONOUR AGAINST EXTERNAL COLONIALISM.

HE SAID THERE WAS NOW A NEW KIND OF COLONIALISM IN THE ECONOMIC, IDEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL FIELDS THAT HAD SUCCEEDED IN SUBJUGATING THE COUNTRIES AND PEOPLE WHO HAD ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE.

+IF A PERSON HAS THE SPIRIT OF LOYALTY, HE WILL STRIVE IN A POSITIVE MANNER TO PROTECT THE OBJECT OF HIS LOYALTY, BE IT HIS OWN SELF, FAMILY, PLACE OR RESIDENCE OR SOCIETY,+ HE SAID IN HIS NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE OVER RTM

HE SAID IT WAS IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VALUE OF LOYALTY THAT THE THEME +LOYAL, UNITED AND STRIVING FOR PROGRESS+ WAS CHOSEN FOR THE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS THIS YEAR. NATIONAL DAY FALLS TOMORROW.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IF A PERSON WAS LOYAL TO HIMSELF, HE WOULD NOT BETRAY HIMSELF BY GETTING INVOLVED IN DADAH ADDICTION BUT WOULD INSTEAD EQUIP HIMSELF WITH USEFUL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS. -- MORE
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HE SAID A FAMILY, SOCIETY AND COUNTRY THAT HAD HAPPY AND NOBLE MEMBERS WOULD SURELY BECOME HAPPY AND NOBLE ALSO.

+ALTHOUGH THIS IS AN OVERLY-IDEALISTIC HOPE, IF WE DO NOT STRIVE TOWARDS THIS END, WE WILL NOT PROGRESS OR ACHIEVE SUCCESS,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID AS CITIZENS OF A MULTIRACIAL COUNTRY, MALAYSIANS MUST HAVE A FOCAL POINT FOR LOYALTY THAT WAS NON-PARTISAN SO THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS COULD BE REDUCED.

MISUNDERSTANDING AMONG THE RACES COULD NOT BE HELPED BUT WITH A SPIRIT OF LOYALTY, ALL UNDESIRABLE OCCURRENCES COULD BE AVOIDED, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE COMPLACENT WITH THE SUCCESS THE COUNTRY HAD ACHIEVED SINCE INDEPENDENCE BUT INSTEAD BE ALERT TO THE NEW FORM OF COLONIALISM WHICH WAS MANIFESTING ITSELF MORE CLEARLY. -- MORE

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HE CITED, AS AN EXAMPLE OF ECONOMIC COLONIALISM, MANIPULATION OF COMMODITY PRICES BY WORLD ECONOMIC POWERS RESULTING IN MALAYSIA FAILING TO MAKE PROFITS FROM ITS COMMODITIES.

+AT THE SAME TIME, THEY MAKE SURE PRODUCTION COSTS DO NOT DROP BY CARRYING OUT INSTIGATION THAT COULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR MALAYSIA TO BOOST PRODUCTIVITY,+ HE SAID.

THEIR MACHINATIONS WERE SO SUBTLE THAT SOME PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY COULD EVEN ASK THEIR ASSISTANCE TO HINDER THE RECOVERY OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

+WHEN FOREIGNERS CAN DICTATE THE GROWTH OR OTHERWISE OF THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY, THAT'S WHEN MALAYSIA HAS BEEN COLONIALISED OR HAS LOST ITS INDEPENDENCE.+

ON CULTURAL COLONIALISM, HE SAID THERE WERE MALAYSIAN CITIZENS WHO TURNED THEIR BACK ON THEIR OWN LIFE VALUES AND BLINDLY FOLLOWED THE LIFESTYLE OF PEOPLE OF OTHER COUNTRIES.

THIS COULD INDIRECTLY +POLLUTE+ THE NATIONAL IDENTITY AND IF NOT CHECKED WOULD LEAD TO THE NATIONAL IDENTITY BEING REPLACED BY THE COLONISING POWER'S IDENTITY, HE SAID.

+WITH OUR CULTURE POLLUTED, WE HAVE BECOME NOT ONLY COLONIALISED BUT WEAK AND WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE ONSLAUGHT OF INFLUENCE IN OTHER FIELDS+, HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA

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