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PULAU PINANG, SEPT 13 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT REITERATED HIS HOPE THAT EVERY UMNO MEMBER FORGET THE EVENTS OF THE PARTY ELECTIONS AND CLOSE RANKS.

+BOTH SIDES SHOULD COME TOGETHER AGAIN TO ENSURE THE UNITY OF THE MALAYS AT A TIME WHEN THE PARTY IS FACED WITH VARIOUS PROBLEMS,+ HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER HOSTED BY UMNO PULAU PINANG AT DEWAN SRI PINANG HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER AND UMNO PRESIDENT SAID IF THE RIFT WERE TO CONTINUE, THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY UMNO WOULD FALL APART AND LOSE ITS DOMINANCE IN THE COUNTRY.

+WE STILL HAVE A PLACE IN THIS COUNTRY. WE MUST ENSURE THE POSITION CONTINUES TO REMAIN STRONG AND IN THE HANDS OF UMNO,+ HE STRESSED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR CALLED ON PARTY MEMBERS TO RENEW THEIR RESOLVE TO DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO THE PARTY. -- MORE  
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MAHATHIR-UMNO 2 PULAU PINANG

HE SAID THE QUESTION OF SUPPORTING ANY LEADERS IN UMNO NO LONGER AROSE AS IT WAS VITAL THAT EVERY PARTY MEMBER CONTINUED TO ENSURE PARTY UNITY REMAINED STRONG AND STABLE.

HE SAID HE HAD TO TOUR THE STATES TO EXPLAIN THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE PARTY WITH THE HOPE THAT EACH MEMBER WOULD COME TO A REALISATION AND OVERCOME ALL OBSTACLES TO UNITY OF THE PARTY AND THE MALAY RACE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR VOICED CONCERN THAT CONTINUED DIVISIVENESS IN THE PARTY WOULD WEAKEN UMNO AND RESULT IN IT LOSING ITS GRIP ON THE POWER IT NOW ENJOYED.

HE ALSO LAMENTED THE ACTION OF THE 12 PARTY MEMBERS WHO WERE WILLING TO IGNORE THE VOICE OF THE MAJORITY BY ATTEMPTING TO OBSTRUCT THE RUNNING OF THE PARTY THROUGH COURT ACTION.

+THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN THE SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF UMNO TO THE MALAY RACE AS A WHOLE AND THEIR ACTION COULD DESTROY UMNO AND THE MALAYS THEMSELVES,+ HE ADDED. -- MORE  
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MAHATHIR-UMNO 3 PULAU PINANG

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE SYSTEM OF DEMOCRACY PRACTISED BY UMNO HAD BROUGHT BENEFITS AND PROGRESS TO THE PARTY, THE PEOPLE IN GENERAL AND THE MALAYS IN PARTICULAR, AND THE COUNTRY. .

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED, IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PLEASE EVERYONE BUT THE MINORITY GROUP SHOULD REALISE ITS POSITION AND NOT TRY TO FORCE ITS VIEWS ON THE MAJORITY.

THE PRIME MINISTER CALLED ON THE PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY PARTY MEMBERS, TO UNDERSTAND THE LIMIT TO THE FREEDOM THEY ENJOYED UNDER A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM, AND TO ABIDE BY ALL REGULATIONS LAID DOWN IN ITS PRACTISE.

STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ANWAR IBRAHIM, WHO IS EDUCATION MINISTER, PLEDGED UNANIMOUS AND UNDIVIDED SUPPORT FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND HIS EFFORTS TO FORGE UNITY IN UMNO.

HE SAID PULAU PINANG UMNO HAD NEVER DOUBTED OR DISPUTED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAD THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE RATHER THAN HIS OWN AT HEART. -- MORE  
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HE CALLED ON PARTY MEMBERS TO REJECT AND COUNTER ALL NEGATIVE VIEWS AND CRITICISMS BY THE MINORITY WHICH TRIED TO DENY THE MAJORITY WILL.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE DINNER WERE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH ALI, PERLIS MENTERI BESAR DR HAMID PAWANTEH, CHIEF MINISTER DR LIM CHONG EU AND UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WILL HAVE A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WITH UMNO LEADERS TOMORROW BEFORE VISITING SUNGAI PINANG AND SEBERANG JAYA.

HE WILL HOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY BEFORE RETURNING TO KUALA LUMPUR. -- BERNAMA  
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