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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT 22 (BERNAMA) -- TRADE UNIONS TODAY WELCOMED AS TIMELY THE ADVICE BY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TO THE PEOPLE TO STOP MAKING IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS.

MTUC PRESIDENT ZAINAL RAMPAK SAID NO ONE WOULD BENEFIT FROM MAKING PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS.

THE POLICY OF THE MTUC, HE ADDED, WAS TO STRUGGLE FOR SOLIDARITY AND HARMONY AMONG THE PEOPLE.

YESTERDAY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADVISED EVERYONE, PARTICULARLY POLITICIANS, TO STOP MAKING IRRESPONSIBLE STATEMENTS WHICH COULD JEOPARDISE THE NATION'S STABILITY AND PROSPERITY. -- MORE

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ENCIK ZAINAL SAID POLITICIANS SHOULD EMULATE THE PRINCIPLES OF STRUGGLE OF TRADE UNIONS WHICH HE SAID CHAMPIONED THE WELFARE OF WORKERS REGARDLESS OF RACE.

HE SAID POLITICIANS SHOULD POOL THEIR RESOURCES TO HELP DEVELOP THE NATION'S ECONOMY.

ENCIK ZAINAL'S VIEWS WERE SHARED BY CUEPACS PRESIDENT A.RAGUNATHAN WHO SAID EMPHASIS SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REVIVING THE ECONOMY, PARTICULARLY RESOLVING THE PROBLEM OF RISING UNEMPLOYMENT.

HE SAID THE STATEMENTS MADE LATELY BY SEVERAL POLITICIANS WERE FOR SELF INTERESTS WHICH HE ADDED COULD CAUSE TENSION AMONG THE PEOPLE. -- BERNAMA

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