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JOHOR BAHRU, AUG 23 (BERNAMA) -- THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) CONCEPT WHICH ADVOCATES COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE VARIOUS RACES, THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE AND MODERATION IS THE +BEST SYSTEM IN THE WORLD,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE BN COALITION GOVERNMENT SYSTEM, IN WHICH 13 COMPONENT PARTIES ARE REPRESENTED, WAS A UNIQUE CHARACTERISTIC OF MALAYSIA.

+WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL TO THE COALITION SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT PRACTISED BY THE BN BECAUSE IT HAS ENSURED NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS,+ HE SAID AT A GATHERING OF THE CHINESE AND INDIAN COMMUNITIES AT SAUJANA, THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE MENTERI BESAR HERE.

HE SAID THE BN COALITION GOVERNMENT WAS THE BEST AND ITS POLICY OF MODERATION SHOULD BE PRESERVED.

+THIS IS THE BEST SYSTEM FOR MALAYSIA. AS LONG AS WE BELIEVE IN COOPERATION, UNDERSTANDING AND TOLERANCE AMONG THE RACES, THE BN CONCEPT IS THE BEST FOR THE COUNTRY,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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HE SAID THE BN WAS FORMED ON POLITICAL AND NOT ELECTORAL CONSIDERATIONS, UNLIKE IN OTHER COUNTRIES WHERE COALITION GOVERNMENTS WERE PUT TOGETHER ONLY AFTER ELECTIONS WHEN NO SINGLE PARTY MANAGED TO GET A MAJORITY BY ITSELF.

+WE KNOW THERE ARE DIFFERENCES OF VIEWS ON CERTAIN ISSUES, THERE ARE ALSO ISSUES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN SETTLED, BUT ON THE WHOLE, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GOVERN THE COUNTRY EFFECTIVELY,+ HE SAID.

+TO MAINTAIN THE BN SYSTEM, WE MUST BE WILLING TO COMPROMISE AND NO ONE CAN BE AN EXTREMIST. WE HAVE TO CONSIDER ALL VIEWS AND BE FLEXIBLE.

+WE ADOPT A MODERATE STAND BECAUSE THIS IS THE BEST AND IT CAN ENSURE PROGRESS, HARMONY AND PROSPERITY,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA
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