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SEMENCEH, SEPT 10 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED THE PEOPLE TO BE WARY OF GROUPS USING VARIOUS STRATEGIES IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO GAIN POWER +IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.+

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD KEEP AWAY FROM THESE GROUPS IN THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY.

+IF THEY ARE ELECTED, THE PEOPLE WILL SUFFER ... THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT KNOWS THEIR TRUE CHARACTER,+ HE SAID WHEN LAUNCHING THE NEGERI SEMBILAN STATE-LEVEL +LOYALTY WITH THE PEOPLE+ (SEMARAK) MOVEMENT AT THE AIR KUNING SELATAN SPORTS COMPLEX HERE.

+THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS HAS THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE AT HEART. WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES FOR THE PEOPLE AND HAVE PROVEN THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IS A RESPONSIBLE ONE,+ HE SAID.

HE QUESTIONED THE MOTIVE OF GROUPS WHICH EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE BARISAN NASIONAL AND THE MENTERIS BESAR BUT NOT THE TOP LEADERSHIP. -- MORE (END OF CORRECTED RPTN)

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+BY RIGHT, WE SHOULD SUPPORT A STAND AND NOT MERELY EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS, ONLY THEN WOULD IT BE MEANINGFUL,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE DECEIVED BY THESE GROUPS, ADDING THAT TO PREVENT THE PEOPLE FROM BEING MISLED, THE GOVERNMENT HAD IMPLEMENTED MOVEMENTS LIKE SEMARAK TO ESTABLISH CLOSER RAPPORT BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND THE LEADERS.

HE DISMISSED CLAIMS BY CERTAIN GROUPS THAT THE SEMARAK MOVEMENT WAS A WASTE OF EFFORTS, SAYING THAT THE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ATTENDED THE GATHERING TODAY PROVED THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

FOR THESE GROUPS, WHATEVER BENEFITED THEM WAS DEMOCRATIC WHILE THOSE THAT DID NOT BENEFIT THEM WERE NOT DEMOCRATIC, HE SAID. -- MORE  
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HE SAID THAT IT WAS THESE GROUPS WHICH HAD CAUSED THE RECENT JOHOR BAHRU PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION TO BE HELD TO ENABLE THE PERSON WHO WAS ALREADY ELECTED TO REPRESENT THE AREA TO BE ELECTED AGAIN. +THIS IS A WASTEFUL EXERCISE,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT IF ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WANTED TO RESIGN THEIR SEATS, THEN THEY SHOULD DO SO BUT SHOULD NOT RECONTEST +SINCE HE DID NOT ASK THEM TO RESIGN IF THEY DID NOT AGREE WITH THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT.+

HE SAID THAT WHILE THE PEOPLE COULD MAKE A WISE DECISION, THEY COULD ALSO BE CONFUSED BY THE LIES OF THESE GROUPS.

THESE GROUPS WERE HAPPY IF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE WERE NOT IN CONTACT WITH ONE ANOTHER SO THAT THEY COULD CARRY ON WITH THEIR NEGATIVE ACTIVITIES, HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PEOPLE WERE FREE TO CHOOSE ANY CANDIDATE BUT THEY WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED IF THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE COULD NOT HELP THEM.

+WE DO NOT GIVE ALLOCATIONS TO CANDIDATES OTHER THAN THOSE FROM THE BARISAN NASIONAL NOT BECAUSE WE DO NOT WISH TO HELP THE PEOPLE BUT BECAUSE OF THE ARROGANCE OF THE CANDIDATE WHO SAID THAT THEY TOO CAN GIVE THEM,+ HE SAID. -- BERMAMA  
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