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PULAU PINANG, DEC 3/ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE PROBLEMS FACING BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES AT PRESENT ARE NOT SERIOUS AND DO NOT AFFECT THE STRENGTH OF THE COALITION.

WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN BN COMPONENT PARTIES WAS +NORMAL+ AND THESE PARTIES HAD SUCCESSFULLY RESOLVED THEIR PROBLEMS ALL THIS WHILE, HE SAID.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE DELEGATES CONFERENCE OF THE PENINSULAR MALAYSIA MALAY TEACHERS UNION (KSMNB) AND THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOPERASI KSMNB BERHAD HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE 13 PARTIES WITHIN THE BN, IT WAS ABLE TO OVERCOME WHATEVER PROBLEMS.

MALAYSIA TOOK GREATER PRIDE WITH ITS SUCCESS IN THIS COMPARED WITH OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH DID NOT POSSESS AS MANY COMPONENT PARTIES BUT COULD NOT RESOLVE THEIR POLITICAL PROBLEMS, SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO BN CHAIRMAN.

+WHAT IS HAPPENING BETWEEN THE MCA AND GERAKAN IS NOT ERODING THE STRENGTH OF THE BN AS MEMBERS ARE STILL IN BN COMPONENT PARTIES,+ HE SAID.

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+THE PROBLEMS FACED BY BN COMPONENT PARTIES CANNOT BE EXPLOITED BY OPPOSITION PARTIES BECAUSE THEIR STRUGGLE CANNOT INFLUENCE THE PEOPLE TO ENABLE THEM TO RULE A STATE, HE SAID.

ON THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL'S DECISION TO TAKE IN FIVE FORMER COUNCIL MEMBERS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, STRESSED THAT NO ONE SHOULD IMPOSE CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

THEY MUST THINK OF MALAY UNITY SUCH AS THAT PROPOSED BY THE MALAY INTELLECTUALS, HE SAID.

THE FIVE WHO WERE OFFERED SUPREME COUNCIL SEATS ARE DATUK RAOZI SHEIKH AHMAD, DATUK SHAHRIR SAMAD, DATUK ZAINAL ABIDIN ZIN, DATIN PADUKA HAJAH RAHMAH OSMAN AND HAJAH MARINA YUSOF.

ON THE POSITION OF PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY IN THE TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTRY ENCIK M.S. PANDITHAN WHO WAS SACKED BY MIC, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WOULD ONLY BE KNOWN AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH MIC PRESIDENT DATUK S. SAMY VELLU.

THE MIC CENTRAL WORKING COMMITTEE UPHOLD THE DISMISSAL OF ENCIK PANDITHAN, AN MIC VICE-PRESIDENT, ON THURSDAY. -- BERNAMA

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