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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 18 (BERNAMA) -- GOVERNMENT OFFICERS ARE DISCOURAGED FROM INVOLVING IN PARTISAN POLITICS BECAUSE THEIR DUTY IS TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICY AND PROGRAMME OF THE GOVERNMENT CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT.

HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT AS CITIZENS THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ELECTION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

+BUT BECAUSE OF THE CURRENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COUNTRY, ADMINISTRATORS BEING PART OF THE INTELLECTUAL GROUP CANNOT CLOSE THEIR EYES OR ISOLATE THEMSELVES FROM WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND THEM,+ HE SAID AT A DINNER ORGANISED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AT THE SUBANG MERLIM NEAR HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID WORD HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGH PAMPHLETS OR BUNDOURS TO ADMINISTRATORS WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF SHIFTING THEIR LOYALTY FROM THE GOVERNMENT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE.

+THE AIM OF CERTAIN GROUPS IS TO UNDERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID. --MORE

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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT, ON THE OTHER HAND, COULD NOT EXPLAIN THE TRUE SITUATION AND COUNTER THE LIES AND SLANDER BECAUSE IT WOULD BE AGAINST THE POLICY OF NON-INVOLVEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATORS IN PARTY POLITICS.

+THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE GROUPS I AM REFERRING TO HAVE SUCCEEDED TO THE EXTENT THAT DURING A CERTAIN BY-ELECTION, SOME ADMINISTRATORS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS OPENLY TOOK PART IN ACTIVELY SUPPORTING THE OPPOSITION.+

THEY MADE USE OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES AND FACILITIES FOR THEIR ACTIVITY, HE ADDED.

IN A CERTAIN STATE, GOVERNMENT OFFICERS HAD EVEN REFUSED TO OBEY GOVERNMENT ORDERS, HE SAID IN AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO KELANTAN WHERE 20 STATE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS WERE REPORTED TODAY TO HAVE DEFIED THE STATE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO CHANGE THEIR ORIGINAL TRANSFER LIST. THEY INSTEAD COMPLIED WITH THE LIST DECIDED BY THE STATE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, AN INDEPENDENT BODY.

+THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT LIMITED DUTIES WHO DARE TO CHALLENGE AND OBSTRUCT THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION OPENLY,+ THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED. --MORE

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HE SAID INVOLVEMENT OF ADMINISTRATORS IN ANTI-GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES IS UNHEALTHY AND COULD CREATE CHAOS AND EVEN LEAD TO ANARCHY.

+A SITUATION WHERE THE RULER AND THE ONE VESTED WITH (EXECUTIVE) POWER CAN NO LONGER BE DISTINGUISHED, WILL CREATE ANARCHY AND SERIOUS ACTION WOULD PROBABLY BE RESORTED TO BY THE ONE IN POWER -- AND WITH THIS TOO, DEMOCRACY WOULD BE ANNIHILATED,+ HE WARNED.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFENCE OF A SYSTEM AND PRACTICE WHICH HAD BENEFITED ALL AND THEREFORE, +IT IS BEST FOR US TO RETURN TO THIS SYSTEM AND PRACTICE FOR OUR OWN COMMON GOOD AND THAT OF THE NATION.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, HOWEVER, PRAISED THE PUBLIC SERVICE WHICH HAD ACHIEVED A REMARKABLE LEVEL OF PROGRESS AND EFFICIENCY.

BUT WORLD PROGRESS AND THE FUTURE CHALLENGE OF MALAYSIA DEMANDED THAT THE COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATIVE EFFICIENCY AND DEDICATION BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED SO AS TO SERVE AS AN EXAMPLE TO OTHERS.--MORE  
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+WITH THIS TOO, MALAYSIA CAN HEAD FOR A MORE DYNAMIC FUTURE, CAPABLE OF PROGRESSING, OVERCOMING PROBLEMS AND GRABBING ALL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

WHILE CONGRATULATING THE PUBLIC SERVICE AS A WHOLE, HE SAID THEIR COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING IN ADMINISTERING AND DEVELOPING THE NATION WERE HIGHLY APPRECIATED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND DIPLOMATIC OFFICERS AS THE ELITE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE HAD NOT ONLY SUCCEEDED IN PERPETUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY INHERITED FROM THE BRITISH, BUT WERE ALSO CAPABLE OF ADJUSTING IT TO SUIT THE MORE EXTENDED ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE PEOPLE AFTER INDEPENDENCE. -- BERNAMA

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