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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 21 (BERNAMA) -- THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED POLICY LAUNCHED IN 1981 TO BRING THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR CLOSER TOGETHER IS NOT RUNNING SMOOTHLY DUE TO NEGATIVE ALLEGATIONS MADE ABOUT THE RELATIONS, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT.

HE SAID BECAUSE OF THIS, THE GOVERNMENT DARED NOT HAVE CLOSE TIES WITH THE SECTOR, LEST IT BE ACCUSED OF +COMMITTING SOMETHING THAT IS PROHIBITED IN THIS COUNTRY (CORRUPTION).+

+THEREFORE, WE STAY AWAY FROM CERTAIN PEOPLE AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR,+ HE SAID AT A DINNER OF THE MALAYSIAN MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HERE.

HE ADDED THAT IF THE ACCUSATIONS WERE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, IT WOULD NOT BENEFIT ANY PARTY, WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT OR PRIVATE SECTOR.

HE SAID SUCH ACCUSATIONS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY PROOF. -- MORE  
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+IT IS NOT THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS 100 PERCENT PERFECT, BUT DO NOT BE SO READY TO MAKE ACCUSATIONS OF CORRUPTION BECAUSE OF THE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE PRIVATE SECTOR,+ HE ADDED.

HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE WITH THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED POLICY.

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR WAS VITAL AS PROFITS EARNED BY THE PRIVATE SECTOR COULD BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG ALL PARTIES AND AT THE SAME TIME, HELP THE GOVERNMENT DEVELOP THE COUNTRY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED CIVIL SERVANTS INCLUDING MINISTERS AND THEIR DEPUTIES +TO BE CLOSE WITH AND GIVE EVERY POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR.+

HE SAID THERE WERE ALSO GROUPS CLAIMING THE GOVERNMENT CHANNELLED AID TO CERTAIN QUARTERS ONLY. -- MORE  
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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOCATED A HUGE SUM OF MONEY TO +BAIL OUT+ MORE THAN 20 PROBLEM-PLAGUED DEPOSIT-TAKING COOPERATIVES (DTC), ADDING THAT THE GRANT WAS MORE THAN THE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO BUMIPUTERAS IN BUSINESS.

THE FAIRNESS SHOWN BY THE GOVERNMENT WAS NOT APPRECIATED NOR DID IT RECEIVE THE APPROPRIATE ATTENTION, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID ALL QUARTERS FREQUENTLY MADE NEGATIVE REMARKS ABOUT GOVERNMENT POLICIES.

THIS HAD LED TO THE GOVERNMENT FORMING A BODY WITH EQUAL BUMIPUTERA AND NON-BUMIPUTERA REPRESENTATION TO FORMULATE THE POLICY TO SUCCEED THE NEW POLICY POLICY WHICH EXPIRES IN 1990.

THE MOVE WOULD GIVE CRITICS OF THE GOVERNMENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INVOLVED IN MAKING POLICIES THAT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

MALAYSIA CLEARLY HAD PEOPLE OF DIFFERING OPINIONS AND THE VIEWS FROM THE VARIOUS GROUPS WOULD HOPEFULLY RESULT IN THE FORMULATION OF A BETTER POLICY. THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO DRAW UP THE NEW POLICY WAS A SERIOUS EFFORT TO PROVIDE A JUST POLICY FOR ALL, AND NOT A SHAM. -- MORE

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+THIS DOES NOT MEAN THE GOVERNMENT IS ABDICATING ITS RESPONSIBILITY BUT ONLY GIVING OTHERS THE CHANCE TO PLAY A JOINT ROLE AS THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT WANT TO CUT ITSELF OFF FROM THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

AT THE DINNER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS PRESENTED WITH A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR HIS 63TH BIRTHDAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE LATER RENDERED A SONG EACH WHICH COLLECTED \$50,000 IN DONATIONS FOR THE CHAMBER.

HE BOWLED OVER THE CROWD WITH HIS VERSION OF THE LATE P. RAHLEE'S +SETARAN JINA+ AND SHE WITH +KEMANG DAKU DALAM DOAMU+.

ASKED BY REPORTERS LATER ON THE MEDIATION OFFER BY TUN HUSSEIN ONN TO BRING AN END TO MALAY DISUNITY, HE SAID THE OFFER WAS WELCOME.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO MEET THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER TO DISCUSS THE MATTER. -- BERNAMA

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