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KUALA KELAWANG, AUG 26 (BERNAMA) -- THE COUNTRY'S MULTIRACIAL CITIZENS MUST NOT ISOLATE THEMSELVES FROM EACH OTHER JUST BECAUSE THEIR VIEWS DIFFERRED, PRIME MINISTER DATUK DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

RESORTING TO ISOLATION BECAUSE OF DIVERGENT VIEWS WOULD NOT ONLY UNDERMINE RACIAL UNITY BUT ALSO DIVIDE EXISTING ORGANISATIONS, HE SAID.

SPEAKING AT THE +ONE HEART, ONE SOUL AND ONE VOICE+ (SEHATI SEJIWA SEIYASEKATA) ASSEMBLY AT THE JELEBU DISTRICT COUNCIL PADANG HERE, HE SAID RACIAL UNITY SHOULD BE NURTURED THROUGH, DISCUSSION AND THIS APPROACH MUST BE PERPETUATED.

HE DESCRIBED THE GATHERING OF ABOUT 8,000 PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES AS LIVING PROOF OF RACIAL UNITY IN THE COUNTRY.

+ACTUALLY RACIAL UNITY EXISTS IN THE COUNTRY ALTHOUGH SOME OF US MAY DIFFER IN OUR VIEWS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THERE WAS NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS AS EVEN IN AN ORGANISATION WHOSE MEMBERS WERE OF ONE RACE, THEIR VIEWS WERE DIVERGENT.-- MORE

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+THIS IS A NATURAL HUMAN TENDENCY, IF WE ALL HAVE THE SAME THOUGHTS AND VIEWS, THEN THERE IS NO NEED FOR US TO TALK TO OTHERS BECAUSE WE WOULD KNOW WHAT IS IN EACH OTHER'S MIND+, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER RAPPED POLITICIANS WHO WOULD RATHER ISOLATE THEMSELVES BECAUSE OF FRUSTRATION OVER PERSONAL FAILURES.

+THIS ACTION IS UNSUITABLE TO THE PEOPLE'S ASPIRATION FOR UNITY AS DISPLAYED TODAY,+

+ACTUALLY YOU YOURSELVES ELECTED YOUR REPRESENTATIVE (MP FOR JELEBU DATUK RAIS YATIM) AND IT IS YOU WHO DETERMINE HIS DESTINY,+ HE SAID.

INSTEAD, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, 'THE PERSON CONCERNED HAD RESORTED TO AN IRRESPONSIBLE ACTION, WITHOUT CONSULTING THE PEOPLE THAT HAD ELECTED HIM WHEN HE FAILED TO FULFILL HIS AMBITIONS. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR DESCRIBED THE COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT SINCE INDEPENDENCE AS UNIQUE AS COMPARED TO THAT OF OTHER NATIONS WHICH GAINED INDEPENDENCE AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS MALAYSIA.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE WERE MORE MATURED NOW AND CONTINUED TO ELECT A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT TO REALISE THEIR ASPIRATIONS AS PROVEN BY EACH TIME COUNTRY HELD GENERAL ELECTION.

THE PRIME MINISTER URGED GOVERNMENT SERVANTS, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE PEOPLE TO APPLY THE MALAYSIA INCORPORATED CONCEPT FOR NATION BUILDING.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND HIS WIFE WHO ARRIVED FOR THEIR FIRST VISIT HERE WERE GIVEN A ROUSING NEGERI SEMBILAN TRADITIONAL-STYLE WELCOME BY PEOPLE OF THE VARIOUS RACES.

SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL HERE DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR LAID A FOUNDATION STONE FOR A LANDMARK AT THE KUALA KELAWANG WATER FOUNTAIN TO COMMEMORATE HIS VISIT HERE.

HE THEN RELEASED BALLOONS BEARING THE BARISAN NASIONAL SYMBOL WHICH SIMULTANEOUSLY REMOVED THE DRAPES. COVERING THE CONE-SHAPED WHITE MARBLE STRUCTURE.-- MORE

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ON THE MONUMENT'S FRONT TRIANGULAR SURFACE IS WRITTEN THE WORDS  
+PERASMIAN PERLETAKAN BATUASAS LAWATAN PERDANA MENTERI+,  
+PELANCARAN RASMI PROJEK MEMBAIKI JALAN KUALA KELAWANG-TITI-KONGKOI+  
ON THE SECOND SURFACE AND THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF THE RUKUNEGARA ON  
THE THIRD.

ALSO PRESENT WERE **MENTERI** BESAR DATUK HAJI **MOHAMAD** ISA AND WIFE  
AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR DATUK HAJI SHAMSUL BAHARI MAT WHO IS  
JELEBU UMNO **DIVISION** CHIEF.

THE CEREMONY PROCEEDED AS SCHEDULED DESPITE HEAVY 'RAIN DURING  
THE SPEECHES.

DATUK **SERIDR** MAHATHIR WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT THEN OPENED THE  
JELEBU UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES' **MEETING** AT THE KUALA KELAWANG MAIN  
HALL.

IN HIS SPEECH **DATUK .SERI** DR MAHATHIR **CRITICISED** THE SEMANGAT 46  
GROUP WHICH HE SAID SHOULD BE NAMED +KUMPULAN KECEWA 1987+(THE 1987  
FRUSTRATED GROUP) BECAUSE THEY DID NOT UPHOLD THE GENUINE VALUES OF  
THE SPIRIT OF 1946 AT WHICH TIME UHNO WAS UNITED AGAINST THE MALAYAN  
UNION. -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SOME PEOPLE BECAME MEMBERS OF THE  
SEMANGAT 46 GROUP TO PAY THEIR DEBTS WHILE OTHERS DID SO BECAUSE THE  
GROUP'S LEADERS PROMISED THEM POSTS.

HE SAID NOT LESS THAN 40 PEOPLE HAVE SEEN PROMISED POSTS OF  
**MENTERI** BESAR BY THE GROUP'S LEADERS AND THERE WERE SUPPORTERS WHO  
WERE OFFERED MINISTERIAL POSTS.

HE URGED UHNO MEMBERS IN THE JELEBU DIVISION TO ENSURE THAT THE  
JELEBU PARLIAMENTARY SEAT REMAINED IN UMNO'S HAND IN THE NEXT  
GENERAL ELECTION.-- BERNAMA

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