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(EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AFTER 9.30 TONIGHT)

KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 30 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY URGED MALAYSIANS TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL DAY THEME +UNITY+ AS THE BASIS FOR ALL THEIR ACTIONS AND DEEDS.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD HAVE NO RESPECT FOR MALAYSIA IF IT WAS EMBROILED IN CONFLICTS AND DISUNITY BUT ON THE OTHER HAND THE COUNTRY WOULD ENJOY HIGH ESTEEM IN ITS EYES IF MALAYSIANS WERE UNITED AND COOPERATED WITH ONE ANOTHER! HE SAID.

IN HIS NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE BROADCAST OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION MALAYSIA (RTM) TONIGHT? THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IN THE INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL ARENA, A NATION'S HONOUR, MEASURED IN TERMS OF POLITICAL STABILITY, WAS A PRIORITY MATTER.

AS SUCH SCHOOLS, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, PUBLIC AGENCIES AND THE REST OF MALAYSIANS SHOULD MAKE THE THEME THE BASIS OF THEIR DEEDS AND ACTIONS AT ALL TIMES. -- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE +UNITY+ THEME WAS ALSO BEING REPEATED FOR THIS NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT GAVE PRIORITY TO THE PEOPLE'S UNITY AND WISHED TO MAKE THEM REALISE THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING UNITED TO ENSURE PEACE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE UNITY THEME WAS ALSO BEING STRESSED IN GOVERNMENT POLICIES SUCH AS THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY (NEP) AND THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY, HE SAID.

+IN ANY SOCIETY MARKED DIFFERENCES IN ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL POSITIONS AMONG THE PEOPLE WILL LEAD TO DISUNITY AND RIOTS. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE RICH AND POOR EVEN WITHIN THE SAME RACE WILL ALSO USUALLY BRING ABOUT DISUNITY AND REBELLION.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR RECALLED THE MAY 13 INCIDENT IN 1969 WHEN THERE WERE RACIAL RIOTS WHICH CAUSED DEATHS, INJURIES, FEAR AND SUFFERING.

+ALTHOUGH WE WISH TO FORGET THIS UNPLEASANT INCIDENT, WE SHOULD NEVER FORGET THE LESSON IT HAD TAUGHT US. UNFORTUNATELY MANY YOUTHS WHO DID NOT GO THROUGH THIS INCIDENT ARE UNABLE TO FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW GRAVE THE CONSEQUENCES WERE FROM THE INCIDENT,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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AS SUCH THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT FELT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR MALAYSIANS TO BE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY AMONG THEM.

+MUCH TIME CAN BE DEVOTED TO WELFARE AND THE GOOD OF SOCIETY IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY FORM OF DISUNITY AMONG THE PEOPLE,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO REMINDED THE PEOPLE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF UNITY FROM THE ASPECT OF DEFENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY.

IF MALAYSIANS WERE NOT UNITED, THE COUNTRY WOULD BE EASILY DESTROYED BY INTERNAL PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD BE AGGRAVATED AND IGNITED BY OUTSIDE FOES, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR STRESSED IF SUCH PROBLEMS WERE NOT MONITORED AND CONTAINED IT WOULD JEOPARDISE THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE AND PROBABLY THE COUNTRY WOULD BE COLONISED ONCE MORE.

COLONIALISM COULD BE IN THE FORM OF ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL COLONIALISM, HE ADDED. -- MORE

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THE **PRIME MINISTER** URGED MALAYSIANS TO VALUE THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE AND STRIVE TO DEVELOP THE NATION IN ALL ASPECTS.

+FOR THIS PURPOSE WE NEED PEACE AND CALM AND ANY ACTION WHICH WILL THREATEN OUR UNITY SHOULD BE **AVOIDED**,+ HE SAID.

TURNING TO THE SEA **GAMES**, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ATTRIBUTED THE SUCCESS OF MALAYSIAN SPORTSMEN AND WOMEN TO THEIR SPIRIT OF UNITY AND ONENESS.

CONGRATULATING **THEM**, THE **PRIME** MINISTER SAID THEY HAD DONE THE COUNTRY PROUD IN THE SPORTS ARENA AND HAD DEMONSTRATED THEIR UNITY EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE OF DIFFERENT RACE.

+THE MALAYSIAN SPIRIT AND UNITY DISPLAYED BY OUR SPORTSMEN AND **WOMEN** FROM THE TIME THEY BEGAN THEIR TRAINING TO THE TIME OF THE **COMPETITION** IS THE UNITY WE ARE LONGING FOR,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA
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