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BANGI, JULY 1 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED THE MALAYS NOT TO WASTE MUCH TIME OVER ARGUMENTS AND POLEMICS AS THE COUNTRY HAS ALREADY REACHED A TAKE-OFF POINT REQUIRING THEM TO MAKE THE MOST OUT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO CATCH UP WITH THE OTHER RACES.

THE MALAYS ALREADY HAD ALL THE INTELLECTUAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND WHAT WAS REQUIRED NOW WAS ITS APPLICATION IN A FRUITFUL MANNER, SAID THE PRIME MINISTER.

OPENING THE THE TWO-DAY MALAY INTELLECTUALS CONGRESS II AT UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN MALAYSIA HERE, HE REMINDED THE MALAYS TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY (NEP) AND MAKE THE MOST OF OPPORTUNITIES THE NEP PROVIDED.

HE SAID THERE WERE ALREADY SIGNS THAT MALAYSIA WAS NOW AT A TRANSITIONAL POINT AND THAT THE LEVELS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WOULD IMPROVE FURTHER.

THUS, MALAYS MUST GRAB OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE NEP SO AS NOT TO MISS THE BOAT AND BE LEFT TRAILING FOREVER.

HE STRESSED THAT MALAYS HAD NO INTENTION OF TAKING AWAY WHAT BELONGED TO OTHERS BUT ONLY WHAT WERE RIGHFULLY THEIRS.

+THEREFORE IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT INTELLECTUALS WHO HAD BENEFITTED FROM THE NEP BECOME TURNCOATS OVER THE CLAIM THAT ONLY A HANDFUL OF MALAYS HAVE BECOME RICH AND THEY JOIN THE OTHER NEP DETRACTORS WHO WANTED MALAYS TO REMAIN BACKWARD FOREVER,+ HE SAID.--
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SUCH ATTITUDES ONLY SERVED TO FURTHER THE ENDS OF THOSE WHO REALLY KNEW THAT ONLY THE MALAYS THEMSELVES COULD OBSTRUCT EFFORTS TO UPLIFT THEIR OWN RACE.

+AS THEY ARE EMOTIONALLY PSYCHED-UP, THEY FORGET THAT THERE WERE MANY MALAY INTELLECTUALS TODAY BECAUSE OF THE NEP+.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO DWELT ON THE PRACTICE OF GLORIFYING PAST ACHIEVEMENTS OF A RACE TO BOOST THE RACE'S MORALE AND SPIRIT.

HE SAID ANY RACE BASKING ON ITS PAST GLORIES WAS ACTUALLY THE MOST BACKWARD RACE TODAY.

PAST ACHIEVEMENTS WERE ONLY USEFUL TO CONVINCCE ONESELF OF ONE'S CAPABILITIES AND NOT FOR SELF-CONSOLATION, HE SAID.

TO THE MALAYS, HE SAID, THE HANG TUAH AND HANG JEBAT (TWO LEGENDARY MALAY WARRIORS WHO WERE ADVERSARIES) PHILOSOPHIES AND APPROCHES WERE NO LONGER SUITABLE TODAY.

+MALAYS, ESPECIALLY INTELLECTUALS, MUST KNOW WHAT THEY WANT FOR THEIR RACE AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW THEY SHOULD GO ABOUT TO ACHIEVE THAT, AS DREAMING OF GREAT BY-GONE DAYS AND BASKING ON PAST GLORIES MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO BLUR TODAY'S REALITIES.+-- MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE MALAYS MUST BE WILLING TO TRANSCEND CLIMATIC ZONES AND RACIAL BOUNDARIES TO PURSUE KNOWLEDGE.

IN THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE, ANY RACE MUST BE WILLING TO LEARN EVEN FROM ITS ENEMIES, HE SAID.

+OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE IS THE WILLINGNESS TO MASTER OTHER LANGUAGES SO THAT THROUGH THEM OTHER USEFUL KNOWLEDGE COULD BE ACQUIRED. MALAY INTELLECTUALISM MUST REJECT SENTIMENTS THAT TEND TO BLOCK THEM FROM MASTERING FOREIGN LANGUAGES,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND, A TRULY SUCCESSFUL RACE WAS ONE THAT WAS EFFICIENT IN APPLYING KNOWLEDGE TO IMPROVE ITS LIFE AND HAD APPLIED KNOWLEDGE FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES.

MALAYS, HE SAID, WERE STILL LACKING IN QUALIFICATION FOR PRACTICALITY AND HENCE IT COULD BE SAID THERE WAS STILL A SHORTAGE OF MALAY INTELLECTUALS IN THIS RESPECT.-- MORE
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IN THE FOREWORD OF THE CONGRESS'S SOUVENIR PROGRAMME, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO STRESSED THAT THE MALAYS WERE STILL LAGGING ECONOMICALLY AND IN EDUCATION.

DESPITE CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO UPLIFT MALAY LIVING STANDARDS, THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONTENTED WITH WHAT THEY HAD ATTAINED SO FAR, HE SAID..

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MALAY INTELLECTUALS COULD PLAY A CRUCIAL ROLE BY SHOWING WILLINGNESS TO SPEARHEAD CONTRIBUTION OF IDEAS TO EFFORTS TO FURTHER IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE MALAYS.

THE CONGRESS'S THEME +ENTERING THE DECADE OF THE 90'S+ CENTRED ON DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE MALAYS.

THE SPEAKERS AT THE CONGRESS INCLUDED FORMER HAMIM PRESIDENT DATUK MOHAMED ASRI MUDA WHO DISCUSSED +THE MALAY POLITICAL SCENARIO: THEN AND NOW+.

WORKING PAPERS ON +POVERTY IN MALAYSIA+, +CREATING NATIONAL IDENTITY THROUGH THE NATIONAL LANGUAGE POLICY+, +PREPARATIONS BY MALAY LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE+, AND +EDUCATION TOWARDS TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP + WERE ALSO PRESENTED BESIDES A FORUM ON + BUMIPUTERA ECONOMY IN THE DECADES OF THE 90'S+.-- BERNAMA
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