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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 4 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS REMINDED MUSLIM LEADERS TO SERVE THE INTEREST OF ISLAM AS A WHOLE AT ALL TIMES AND NOT JUST PARTICULAR GROUPS OR SECTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO STRESSED THAT THOSE WHO ASPIRED TO BE ISLAMIC LEADERS SHOULD NEVER STRIVE TO DIVIDE MUSLIMS, BUT TO WORK INSTEAD FOR THEIR UNITY.

HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT ISLAM AND MUSLIMS WERE NOT SYNONYMOUS, ADDING THAT THERE WERE MANY MUSLIMS AND SOME OF THEM WERE AT ODDS WITH ONE ANOTHER.

+THERE IS ONLY ONE ISLAM. WE MUST SERVE THE CAUSE OF ISLAM, THE RELIGION WE PROFESS TO BELIEVE IN,+ HE SAID SAID IN HIS MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR BOOK FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ISLAMIC LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE WHICH BEGAN TODAY.

THE COURSE, BEING HELD UNTIL AUG 20 AT INSTITUT AMINUDDIN BAKI, SRI LAYANG, NEAR HERE, IS BEING ATTENDED BY YOUNG ISLAMIC COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM 22 COUNTRIES. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO REMIND POTENTIAL LEADERS THAT THEIR DUTY WAS TO SERVE BY LEADING, WHILE THE OTHERS SERVED BY FOLLOWING.

+SERVICE IS THE ESSENCE OF LEADERSHIP= SERVICE TO THE INTEREST OF THOSE WHOM THEY LEAD,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE ISLAMIC COMMUNITY TO TRAIN AND PRODUCE LEADERS AND TO ENDOW THEM WITH QUALITIES THAT COULD ENSURE NOT ONLY THEIR SUCCESS BUT THAT THEY ALSO LEAD ALONG THE RIGHT PATH.

HE SAID IT WAS +MANIFESTLY CLEAR+ TO ALL MUSLIMS THAT THEIR PRESENT SOCIETY WAS NOT AS DYNAMIC AS IT USED TO BE IN THE GOLDEN AGE OF ISLAM AND POOR LEADERSHIP WAS ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THIS. --
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