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MELAKA, AUG 18 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED PARTY MEMBERS NOT TO MAKE +MONEY CULTURE+ AN UMNO CULTURE AS THE PARTY SHOULD BE CLEAN OF SUCH NEGATIVE ELEMENTS.

+IF A MEMBER IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE SOMETHING TO CARRY OUT AN IMPROPER ACT, WE WILL LOSE OUR POWER,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE KOTA MELAKA UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES CONFERENCE AT CITY BAYVIEW HOTEL HERE.

+WE MUST NOT FOLLOW MONEY CULTURE ... IT SHOULD BE TOTALLY REJECTED AS IT IS USED BY CERTAIN PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE CERTAIN OBJECTIVES,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID PARTY MEMBERS SHOULD NOT ACCEPT AND GIVE THEMSELVES UP TO TEMPTATION AS THEY SHOULD SELECT LEADERS SINCERELY AND NOT THROUGH +MONEY CULTURE.+

HE SAID THE HABIT SHOULD NOT BE MADE PART OF UMNO CULTURE AS UMNO'S CULTURE WAS CLEAN AND IF +MONEY CULTURE+ WERE TO BEGIN AT THE BRANCH LEVEL IT COULD SPREAD TO OTHER LEVELS. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR REMINDED PARTY MEMBERS THAT EVEN IN THE PRESENT AGE THERE WAS +KITOL+ WHO WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT MONEY, ADDING THAT SUCH ACTION COULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE MALAYS THEMSELVES IN THE END.

AS SUCH, UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD BE MINDFUL AS +KITOL+ AND +RAJA MENDALIAR+, CHARACTERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE MELAKA MALAY SULTANATE, ALSO +EXISTED+ NOW.

HE REFUTED THE CONTENTION OF CERTAIN GROUPS THAT THE ABSENCE OF CONTESTS AT BRANCH AND DIVISION LEVEL MEANT THAT THE PROCESS WAS NOT DEMOCRATIC.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE COULD NOT SEE ANY REASON FOR CONTESTS TO BE HELD WHETHER AT BRANCH OR DIVISION LEVEL IF THE EXISTING LEADERS HAD CARRIED OUT THEIR DUTIES WELL.

+IF THERE WERE TO BE NO MAJOR CHANGES OR ANYTHING THAT CAN CAUSE A BRANCH OR DIVISION TO EXCEL IMMEDIATELY, WHY SHOULD THERE BE CONTESTS?+ HE ASKED. -- MORE

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AS SUCH, CONTESTS SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE IN UMNO UNLESS THE LEADERS DID NOT WORK AT ALL AS WHATEVER CONTESTS COULD CREATE DISUNITY AMONG PARTY MEMBERS, HE SAID.

+IT DOES NOT MATTER WHO WINS IN A CONTEST. WE SHOULD WORK AND GIVE OUR SUPPORT AFTER LOSING ... BUT UNFORTUNATELY AFTER LOSING WE (PARTY MEMBERS) ISOLATE OURSELVES AND DO NOT WANT TO CLOSE RANKS WHEREAS THOSE WHO LOSE SHOULD CLOSE RANKS AND SUPPORT THOSE WHO WIN,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IF THOSE WHO LOSE SUPPORTED THE WINNERS AFTER A CONTEST, THE PARTY'S STRENGTH WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED LIKE THAT WHICH OCCURRED IN THE UMNO GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 1987.

DURING THE DELEGATES CONFERENCE ALL INCUMBENTS IN THE DIVISION WERE RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

THE POST OF UMNO DIVISION HEAD WENT TO SENATOR DATUK NASIR MANAP, ENCIK DOL DOLLAH BECAME HIS DEPUTY WHILE ENCIK OSMAN MARIKAR, VICE HEAD. FIFTEEN DIVISIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE DIVISION WERE ALSO RETURNED UNOPPOSED.

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