

Call to ensure party remains pillar of BN

Dr M: Make Umno a model for people

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Umno president **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad** called on members today to ensure the fully-revived party remains "the pillar of the Barisan Nasional, the Government and the country".

He advised them to avoid in-fighting and to make the party a model for the *rakyat*.

Opening the Umno general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre, Dr Mahathir, who is also Prime Minister, said:

"We believe members who are loyal to the party and the Umno spirit far outnumber those who are not. We also believe they will not repeat the action which will make the party unlawful again."

He said 1989 is special to Umno because it is the year that Umno fully got back on its feet after toiling to revive its membership, machinery and constitution since last year.

The thrust of Dr Mahathir's speech was Umno solidarity and Malay unity.

He said although party members may seek le-

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gal redress in pursuit of grievances, those who joined Umno voluntarily should respect the constitution as a mechanism for resolving such problems.

"If you disagree with the majority voice, then the action to be taken is to leave the party. You can join another party or set up your own."

Umno today welcomed all Malays, including those who had caused the old Umno to be deregistered. "Maybe, they will commit the same act of treachery, but let no one accuse us of closing Umno's doors to certain Malays."

Dr Mahathir said no one should be allowed to take advantage of Umno for his own personal interests, adding that the party would offer positions only to the deserving.

Turning to the general election which he said the country would face "before April 1991," he added: "As we approach the coming election, we will be lured and maligned by certain people."

There would also be those who make election promises that pander to the people's desires although they would not be able to form the Government.

"As the English proverb goes: 'Beware of

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Growth depends on stability

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Greeks bearing gifts."

The Umno president said Malaysia's economic growth would depend on political stability and the creation of more jobs.

The Government would act against those who play up racial and other sensitive issues to thwart its efforts in maintaining stability.

The people should therefore refrain from encouraging those who are out to exploit sensitive issues for their own political gains.

On the post-1990 economic policy, Dr Mahathir said this was being drawn up by the National Economic Consultative Council and "our representative in the council is responsible for making sure that economic development after 1990 will be balanced".

However, he made the point that no matter what the policy was going to be, attention must be given to moulding attitudes and values which would fit into good management.

"We will no longer appoint a Bumiputera manager just because he is a Bumiputera.

"We will give him practical training even if this means placing him under a non-Bumiputera manager."