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KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 18 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO PRESIDENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WAS TODAY REGARDED AS AN ISLAMIC MUJAHID (FIGHTER) HAVING QUALITIES OF ISLAMIC LEADERSHIP WHICH THE PEOPLE CAN BE PROUD OF.

THE PRIME MINISTER IS PREPARED TO SET ASIDE EVERYTHING IN THE INTEREST OF UNITY OF THE MUSLIMS, A REPRESENTATIVE OF WANITA UMNO, HAJAH ZALEHA HUSIN, SAID WHEN DEBATING THE RESOLUTION ON RELIGION DURING THE SECOND DAY OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HERE. THE RESOLUTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

SHE DESCRIBED THE DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR'S PREPAREDNESS TO MEET TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH IN THE INTEREST OF THE MUSLIMS AS RESPONDING TO THE CALL OF THE FAITH (SERUAN IMAN).

SHE SAID ONE NEED NOT WEAR THE JUBAH AND HEADGEAR (JUBAH AND SERBAN) OR TO SPORT A BEARD TO BECOME A MUJAHID.

+UMNO CAN NOW BE PROUD AS IT HAS A MUJAHID WHO HAS SHOWN QUALITIES OF ISLAMIC LEADERSHIP,+ SHE SAID. -- MORE
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THERE WAS A CLAMOUR WHEN ALL DELEGATES ROSE TO APPLAUSE DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO WAS ALSO ASKED BY HAJAH ZALEHA TO STAND UP.

SHE HAD EARLIER CAUSED AN +UPROAR+ AT THE ASSEMBLY WHEN HER +DIRECTIVE+ TO NOD IN AGREEMENT TO PERMANENT CHAIRMAN OF THE ASSEMBLY, TAN SRI SULAIMAN NINAM SHAH AND DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS COMPLIED BY THE TWO LEADERS.

IN JEST, SHE SAID: +THIS IS ONE ADVANTAGE OF WOMEN (WHEN THEY ASK PEOPLE TO NOD IN AGREEMENT PEOPLE WILL DO SO). AS SUCH DO NOT BELITTLE THE ABILITY OF WOMEN.+

DATUK SERI MAHATHIR HAS AGREED TO MEET TENGKU RAZALEIGH WITHOUT ANY CONDITIONS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM OF MALAY DISUNITY. HE HAD EARLIER MET TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

HAJAH ZALEHA ALSO TOUCHED ON ULAMAS WHOM SHE CATEGORISED INTO FOUR GROUPS -- THOSE WHO TRULY FOUGHT FOR THE INTERESTS OF ISLAM, THOSE WHO OBTAINED THE +STATUS+ AND +TITLE+ FOR BEING MEMBERS OF A POLITICAL PARTY, THOSE WHO BECOME ULAMAS FOR A LIVING AND THOSE WHO WERE +DUBBED+ ULAMAS BY CERTAIN PEOPLE. -- MORE
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SHE ADVISED THE PEOPLE TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST THE ACTIONS OF ULAMAS IN THE SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH GROUPS WHOM SHE REGARDED AS VERY DANGEROUS AND POSED A THREAT TO UNITY.

THEY SHOULD BE MADE TO REFORM AND ATTEND WORKSHOPS ON ASSIMILATION OF ISLAMIC VALUES, SHE SAID, SUGGESTING THAT THE MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER DEPARTMENT DATUK DR YUSOF NOR LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

SHE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT ALL ULAMAS PARTICIPATE IN AN ISLAMIC BODY WHICH COULD ADVISE OR GIVE VIEWS ON PROPOSED LAWS BROUGHT BEFORE THE CABINET SO THAT THEY CONFORM TO THE NEEDS OF ISLAM.

ON ISLAMIC RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS, SHE URGED THE EDUCATION MINISTRY TO COORDINATE THEIR ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE THEM AT PAR WITH SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

ISLAM BEING THE OFFICIAL RELIGION, THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PRODUCE INTELLECTUALS WHO POSSESS HIGH MORAL VALUES AND A DEEP KNOWLEDGE OF THE RELIGION, SHE SAID.

SHE ADDED THAT THE MINISTRY SHOULD ALSO ORGANISE SUITABLE COURSES FOR MUSLIM STUDENTS GOING OVERSEAS SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE EASILY INFLUENCED BY VALUES AND MORALS THAT WOULD AFFECT THEIR BELIEF. -- BERNAMA

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