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ALOR SETAR, NOV 24 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY DISUNITY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SPREAD IN UMNO AS IT CAN LEAD TO THE DOWNFALL OF THE GOVERNMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, REMINDED THE PEOPLE THAT THE DOWNFALL OF THE UMNO LED KELANTAN STATE GOVERNMENT IN 1959 RESULTED FROM DISUNITY IN THE STATE PARTY LEADERSHIP.

EIGHTEEN YEARS AFTER THAT THE PAS LED KELANTAN GOVERNMENT WAS ALSO BROUGHT DOWN DUE TO DISUNITY AMONG THE LEADERS, HE SAID.

+I FEAR THAT IF SUCH DISUNITY SPREADS, THE KELANTAN INCIDENT WILL BE REPEATED AND BECOME A MALAYSIA INCIDENT,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE KUBANG PASU WANITA UMNO LEADERSHIP COURSE AT DEWAN SEKOLAH MENENGAH JITRA HERE.

DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH AND KEDAH MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI OSMAN AROFF WERE AMONG THE DIGNITARIES PRESENT. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THERE WAS INDEED A SMALL GROUP WHICH OPPOSED UMNO AT PRESENT BUT THEY WERE NOT OPPOSING THE PARTY'S POLICIES AND STRUGGLE BUT WERE OPPOSING WITH A VIEW OF BECOMING UMNO'S LEADERS.

HE STRESSED THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF THE MALAYS IN PARTICULAR UMNO MEMBERS REMAINING UNITED IN FACING THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID HALF OF UMNO'S STRENGTH WAS WITH THE WANITA UMNO MOVEMENT BECAUSE HALF OF THE UMNO MEMBERSHIP AND MALAYS IN THIS COUNTRY COMPRISED WOMEN.

HE SAID WANITA UMNO'S HELP WAS NOT ONLY NEEDED DURING GENERAL ELECTIONS BUT AT ALL TIMES.

WANITA UMNO HAD CERTAIN ROLES SUCH AS WHISPERING TO WOMEN TO SUPPORT UMNO FOR IF THE MENFOLK WERE TO GO ROUND WHISPERING IT WOULD BE LOOKED UPON IN BAD TASTE, HE ADDED. -- MORE
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ON THE DATE FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IN A LIGHTER VEIN THAT HE LOOKED UP TO THE SKY DAILY FOR INSPIRATION BUT SO FAR +THERE WERE NO SIGNS.+

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER LUNCH AT THE KUBANG PASU DISTRICT OFFICER'S HOUSE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WOULD HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH A VIEW OF ADOPTING A STAND BEFORE MEETING TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH REGARDING THE ISSUE OF MALAY UNITY.

+BEFORE MEETING HIM, I NEED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBERS SO THAT I CAN GET ADVICE ON OUR STAND,+ HE SAID.

HE DECLINED COMMENT ON A NEWSPAPER REPORT THAT TENGKU RAZALEIGH WANTED AT LEAST HALF THE 133 UMNO DIVISIONAL POSTS FOR PARTI SEMANGAT 46 SUPPORTERS AS A CONDITION TO RESTORE MALAY UNITY.

+WE HAVE PLEDGED NOT TO NEGOTIATE THROUGH NEWSPAPERS, AS SUCH THERE WAS NO NEED TO REPLY,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA
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