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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 2 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY HIT OUT AT THOSE WHO CLAIMED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS AGAINST THEM WERE POLITICALLY MOTIVATED.

+I FIND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS OBSTRUCTED BY ALLEGATIONS THAT ITS ACTIONS REPRESENT POLITICAL OPPRESSION,+ HE TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE AFTER CHAIRING AN UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL MEETING HERE.

ACCORDING TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, SUCH CLAIMS WERE MADE TO OBSTRUCT THE GOVERNMENT FROM TAKING ACTION AGAINST THOSE COMMITTING OFFENCES OR TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATIONS.

+THIS WE CANNOT ACCEPT,IF ACTION HAS TO BE TAKEN . . . WE WILL CARRY OUT OUR DUTIES EVEN THOUGH IT IS INTERPRETED AS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED, WE WILL NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SUCH INTERPRETATION,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID IF THE GOVERNMENT WAS WILLING TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO COMMITTED OFFENCES THERE WAS NO REASON WHY ACTION SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AGAINST OTHERS IF THEY WERE IN THE WRONG. -- MORE

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+AS WE ALL KNOW, MANY POLITICIANS ALSO COMMIT WRONG. IT DOES NOT MATTER WHETHER THEY ARE IN THE GOVERNMENT PARTY OR THE OPPOSITION, WE DON'T CARE, WE WILL TAKE ACTION,+ HE SAID.

+AS SUCH DON'T TRY TO CLAIM THAT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN AGAINST THEM OUT OF POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS SAYING THIS NOT BECAUSE OF THE PROBLEM IN SABAH BUT BECAUSE CLAIMS WERE ALSO BEING MADE IN THE PENINSULA.

+THERE ARE ALREADY PEOPLE CLAIMING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST THEM BECAUSE OF POLITICAL INTERESTS,+ HE SAID. --

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