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MELAKA, DEC 11 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE FACT THAT THE PEOPLE IN MOST URBAN AREAS NEVER SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH VARIOUS FORMS OF ASSISTANCE ARE GIVEN TO DEVELOP TOWN AREAS.'

+WE KNOW MOST OF THEM WILL NOT SUPPORT BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE WANT TO +PUNISH+ URBAN DWELLERS,+ HE TOLD REPORTERS TODAY AFTER LUNCH-AT SERI BENDAHARA, THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE MELAKA CHIEF MINISTER, HERE.

HE SAID THE HISTORY OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) SHOWED THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NEVER OBTAINED SUPPORT IN URBAN AREAS UNLIKE IN RURAL AREAS AND UNTIL NOW THEY WERE STILL REJECTING THE GOVERNMENT.

+IF THEY DO NOT WANT TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT IT IS ALL RIGHT .. WE DO NOT WANT TO TAKE ACTION OVER THIS. WE WILL CONTINUE DEVELOPING URBAN AREAS BY PROVIDING VARIOUS FACILITIES AND ENSURING THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL AND CLEAN,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IN MOST TOWNS THE BN WOULD BE DEFEATED ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT LAUNCHED VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES. -- MORE
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ACCORDING TO DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOST OF THE PEOPLE IN URBAN AREAS WERE +ANTI-ESTABLISHMENT+.

ASKED ON HIS ADVICE TO BN COMPONENT PARTIES THE PRIME MINISTER SAID +THEY SHOULD SOLVE WHATEVER PROBLEMS IN THE SPIRIT OF CONSENSUS AND GOODWILL.+

ON HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT OF PARTI SEMANGAT 46, TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH TOMORROW, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID : +LET US WAIT, FIRST. . . WHEN WE HAVE MET WE WILL MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT.+

HE SAID HIS AIM AT THE MEETING WAS TO UNITE MALAYS AND TO GIVE PRIORITY TO NATIONAL INTERESTS.

EARLIER THE PRIME MINISTER AND DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH WERE RECEIVED BY ABOUT 7,000 PEOPLE ON THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE BATU BERENDAM AIRPORT. --MORE

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IN A BRIEF SPEECH TO THE CROWD, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY WERE IN A FORTUNATE POSITION AS THEY COULD LIVE IN PEACE COMPARED WITH SOME COUNTRIES WHICH ALWAYS FACED VARIOUS THREATS.

HE SAID ALL COMMUNITIES COULD CARRY OUT THEIR WORK AND BUSINESS WITHOUT THREATS FROM ANY GROUP AND THIS WAS A BLESSING.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT SUCCEEDED IN RESOLVING VARIOUS PROBLEMS THROUGH CONSENSUS AND NOT ACCORDING TO EMOTION. +THIS SHOWS OUR UNIQUENESS IN RESOLVING PROBLEMS AND I AM CONFIDENT IN FUTURE WE CAN RESOLVE OUR PROBLEMS LIKE COMMUNALISM AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL.+

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR THE PRESENT CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTRY AND MAINTAIN THE METHODS THAT HAD BEEN EMPLOYED ALL THIS WHILE AS IT COULD GIVE A LOT OF ADVANTAGES.

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