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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 15/ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS CALLED ON A GROUP CLAIMING TO BE RELIGIOUS CHAMPION TO IMMEDIATELY CEASE THEIR CAMPAIGN TO COLLECT SIGNATURES TO PROTEST THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ISLAMIC LAWS IN SELANGOR.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE FEARED THAT THE ACTION OF THE GROUP COULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO TENSION AND RELIGIOUS OUTBREAK.

+I AM ADVISING THEM TO STOP THEIR ACTIVITY,+ HE SAID TO REPORTERS AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE HERE TODAY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE CAME TO KNOW ABOUT THE ACTIVITY OF THE GROUP FROM OPPOSITION LEADER ENCIK LIM KIT SIANG (DAP-TANJUNG) WHO MENTIONED ABOUT IT IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT YESTERDAY.

+I HAVE GOT THE REPORT AND IT IS TRUE THAT SUCH A GROUP, CLAIMING TO BE RELIGIOUS CHAMPION, EXISTED AND COLLECTING SIGNATURES,+ HE SAID. -- MORE.

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ENCIK LIM, IN HIS SPEECH DURING THE DEBATE ON THE AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTION, HAD CLAIMED THAT THE FEAR OF EROSION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM HAD REACHED THE STAGE WHERE THE MALAYSIAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL OF BUDDHISM, CHRISTIANITY, HINDUISM AND SIKHISM (MCCBCHS) HAD LAUNCHED A NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN OPPOSING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ISLAMIC LAWS ON NON-MUSLIMS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE ALSO FEARED THAT THE ACTION OF THE GROUP WOULD POSSIBLY LEAD TO OTHERS DOING THE SAME TIME.

+SO WHOM DO WE FOLLOW?...DO WE FOLLOW THOSE WHO HAD THE MOST SIGNATURES?, HE ASKED.

HE SAID THE CONFLICTING VIEWS ON THE ISLAMIC LAW COULD DEEPLY HURT THE FEELING OF FOLLOWERS OF CERTAIN FAITH AND ERUPTION OF RELIGIOUS OUTBREAK.

IF THIS OCCURRED, THE BLAME WOULD BE ON THE GROUP BECUASE THE GOVERNMENT DOING ITS BEST TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM, HE SAID. --  
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