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ALOR SETAR, APRIL 2, (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY DESCRIBED AS OBNOXIOUS FORMER LORD PRESIDENT TUN MOHAMED SUFFIAN HASHIM'S REMARK THAT MALAYSIAN POLITICIANS WERE A +PRIMITIVE LOT.+

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL AT THE SULTAN ABDUL HALIM AIRPORT HERE, HE SAID TUN SUFFIAN'S REMARK INDICATED THAT MALAYSIAN POLITICIANS HAD NO MORALS.

DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SINGAPORE LAW REVIEW RECENTLY, TUN SUFFIAN WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE TENDENCY IN MALAYSIA WAS FOR THE POLITICIANS TO HAVE VERY PRIMITIVE MENTALITIES.

HE TOLD THE JOURNAL: +THE TENDENCY, HERE IN MALAYSIA, IS THAT A LOT OF OUR POLITICIANS HAVE VERY PRIMITIVE MENTALITIES. THEY THINK +OH, I'M IN POWER. I'M NOW RIDING AROUND IN A MERCEDES. I CAN DO WHAT I LIKE.++

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THOSE WHO FELT THEY HAD MORALS SHOULD CONTEST IN THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.

HE SAID: +IF THEY BECAME LEADERS, MAY BE THEY NEED NOT USE BIG CARS, LIKE MERCEDES BENZ...+ -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID TUN SUFFIAN WAS +ONLY GOOD IN TALKING+ AS DURING HIS TENURE, HE TOO WANTED +HIGH POSITION AND SALARY.+

HE SAID HE HELD THE PRIME MINISTER'S POST BECAUSE HE WAS CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE AND IF TUN SUFFIAN WANTED TO BECOME PRIME MINISTER, HE SHOULD SUBMIT HIMSELF TO THE PEOPLE TO CHOOSE HIM.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH MOHAMED ALI ARE HERE TO BREAK THE FAST AT THE MASJID KAMPUNG PUTAT, KUBANG PASU.

MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI HAJI OSMAN AROFF WAS AMONG THOSE AT THE AIRPORT TO GREET THE PRIME MINISTER.

DATUK SERI DR HASMAH ALSO VISITED THE PEKAN RABU HERE. - BERNAMA
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