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MESSAGE-MAHATHIR

(EMBARGO: UNTIL AFTER HARI RAYA ANNOUNCEMENT)

KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 25 / (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT NO ONE, BE THEY MUSLIMS OR NON-MUSLIMS, WILL BENEFIT IF THE COUNTRY'S STABILITY AND PEACE ARE SHATTERED.

IN HIS HARI RAYA MESSAGE OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ONCE ANARCHY BREAKS OUT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO RESTORE THE SITUATION, AS WAS EVIDENT IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

CALLING FOR NATIONAL STABILITY TO BE PERSERVED, HE SAID THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE SEVERE IF THE NATION WAS BESET WITH PROBLEMS SUCH AS STRIKES, DEMONSTRATIONS, USE OF FORCE TO TOPPLE THE GOVERNMENT, RACE RIOTS AND OTHER ACTIONS OUTSIDE OF THE LAW, WHICH FREQUENTLY OCCURRED IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

+BUT ALL THESE DO NOT HAPPEN IN OUR COUNTRY BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE VALUE STABILITY AND UNITY. MALAYSIANS ALSO RESPECT THE POWER ENTRUSTED TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SUCH AS THE POLICE AND MILITARY TO SAFEGUARD PEACE AND SECURITY,+ HE SAID. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID ATTEMPTS TO OBSTRUCT THE POLICE FROM DISCHARGING THEIR DUTIES OR TAKING THE LAW INTO ONE'S OWN HANDS WAS VERY DANGEROUS.

IF ONE GROUP MADE SUCH ATTEMPTS, OTHERS WOULD ALSO TRY TO TAKE SIMILAR ACTION, HE ADDED.

THERE WOULD BE A BREAKDOWN IN THE SOCIAL ORDER AND ANARCHY WOULD BREAK OUT.

HE SAID: +IF THIS WERE TO HAPPEN OUR LIVES WILL NO LONGER BE SAFE.

+ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY, LET US TOGETHER SHOW OUR THANKS AND COUNT THE BLESSINGS BESTOWED UPON US BY ALLAH THROUGHOUT THIS DAY, THIS MONTH, THIS YEAR AND AT ALL TIMES.+

THE FEELING OF GRATITUDE WOULD MAKE MUSLIMS LOYAL AND ABIDE BY THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM, HE ADDED. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS HAPPY THAT ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND NATIONAL STABILITY HAD ENABLED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MANY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

SOUND NATIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH IS NOT MERELY A PRIDE FOR THE GOVERNMENT BUT IT IS SOMETHING WHICH BENEFITS THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE, HE ADDED.

+TO MUSLIMS, I WISH YOU ALL A SELAMAT HARI RAYA AND TO NON-MUSLIMS I URGE YOU ALL TO CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL WITH YOUR MUSLIM FRIENDS.+

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO URGED ROAD USERS TO EXERCISE CARE AS IT WAS BETTER TO BE LATE THEN NEVER. -- BERNAMA
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