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PULAU PINANG, MAY 20<sup>90</sup> (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY SAID HE ENJOYS GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG SULTAN AZLAN SHAH.

HE DENIED ALLEGATIONS OF STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN HIM AND HIS MAJESTY.

CERTAIN SECTORS WERE BENT ON GIVING THE IMPRESSION OF +TENSE+ RELATIONS BETWEEN HIM AND THE KING, SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR.

+ THIS IS NOT TRUE. THIS IS JUST A POLITICAL PLOY. THEY RESORT TO ALL MEANS FOR THEIR OWN ENDS,+ THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS AFTER MEETING THE PULAU PINANG UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS COMMENTING ON ALLEGATIONS BY ALIRAN, THE SOCIAL REFORM ORGANISATION, OF STRAINED RELATIONS BETWEEN HIM AND THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AS REPORTED IN ITS BULLETIN.-- MORE 1910MST 20 05 90

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE REGRETTED AND WAS SADDENED BY FORMER PRIME MINISTER TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN'S REMARKS THAT THE COUNTRY WAS BEING RUN BY +DAJAL+ ( AN APOSTATE KNOWN FOR HIS EVIL WAYS).

THE TUNKU MADE THE REMARK AT LAST FRIDAY'S SEMANGAT 46 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN KUALA LUMPUR.

+I WANT TO RESPECT TUNKU BUT IT IS VERY DIFFICULT NOW TO RESPECT SOMEONE WHO IS LOOKED UPON FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATION+, HE SAID.

+HOWEVER, SOMETIMES HUMAN BEINGS CHANGE. BUT WE STILL MUST HONOUR HIM FOR HIS GOOD DEEDS,+ SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT.

TO ANOTHER QUESTION, HE SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COULD NOT DECIDE ON THE DISSOLUTION OF THE SABAH STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.-- MORE

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RECENTLY, THERE WAS SPECULATION IN THE PRESS THAT THE ASSEMBLY WOULD BE DISSOLVED IN TEN DAYS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID: +IF THE STATE GOVERNMENT DECIDES SO, WE CANNOT STOP IT AS IT IS ITS JURISDICTION.+

HE REMINDED THE PEOPLE THE OPPOSITION WOULD ABUSE POWER IF IT GAINED CONTROL.

THE OPPOSITION WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST THOSE WHO DO NOT SHARE THEIR VIEWS, HE SAID.

+ EVEN WITHOUT BEING IN POWER YET THEY ARE CRUEL TO THEIR OWN CREED BY SACKING PENGHULUS AND IMAMS IN CERTAIN PLACES,+ HE SAID.

+IF THEY ARE INPOWER, THEY WILL ALSO ACT AGAINST ME WHOM THEY LIKENED TO MARCOS, THE FORMER PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT,+ HE SAID.

ALSO PRESENT WAS STATE UMNO LIAISON CHIEF ANWAR IBRAHIM.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR RETURNS TO KUALA LUMPUR TOMORROW AFTER ATTENDING THE 1990 INTERNATIONAL ROYAL FLEET REVIEW HERE ACCOMPANIED BY DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH ALI.-- BERNAMA