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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 10, (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY URGED POLITICAL PARTIES IN SABAH NOT TO RESORT TO ANTI-FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SENTIMENTS TO FISH FOR VOTES IN THE UPCOMING SABAH GENERAL ELECTION.

HE SAID THIS WOULD DIVIDE THE PEOPLE AND CREATE SUSPICION BETWEEN MALAYSIANS IN THE PENINSULA AND SABAH.

+I HAVE ALREADY ASKED THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE RAISED AS IT WAS UNHEALTHY AND CAN LEAD TO DISUNITY AND SUSPICION BETWEEN THE PENINSULA AND SABAH,+ HE SAID TO REPORTERS AT PARLIAMENT HOUSE WHEN COMMENTING ON THE MOVE BY CERTAIN POLITICAL PARTIES IN SABAH TO RESORT TO SUCH TACTICS.

NOMINATION FOR THE SABAH STATE ELECTION HAS BEEN FIXED FOR JULY 2 AND POLLING WILL BE STAGGERED ON JULY 16 AND 17.

ACCORDING TO REPORTS SEVERAL ANTI-FEDERAL ISSUES HAD BEEN RAISED INCLUDING THAT TOUCHING ON SABAH'S DEVELOPMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID ANYONE COULD SEE AND COMPARE THE DEVELOPMENT IN SABAH AND SOME STATES IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA. -- MORE
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ON THE PROPOSED MOVE BY OPPOSITION LEADERS IN THE STATE TO TEAM UP WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THEY WERE FREE TO DO SO AS MALAYSIA PRACTISED DEMOCRACY.

+WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT IT IS THE PEOPLE WHO WILL DETERMINE THEIR FATE, IF THEY CHOOSE THOSE WHO WAVERED...HOPPING FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER LIKE TOADS OR LOCUSTS... WE SHOULD NOT THEN REGRET IF THE GOVERNMENT ALSO WAVERED NEXT TIME LIKE THE LOCUST,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD PROPOSED THE MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, FOR AMPANG JAYA ONG TEE KEAT AS DEPUTY SPEAKER OF THE DEWAN RAKYAT SUCCEEDING ENCIK D.P.VIJANDRAN.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER CHAIRING A MEETING OF BARISAN NASIONAL MPS ON THE EVE OF THE DEWAN RAKYAT SESSION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HIS PROPOSAL HAD THE SUPPORT OF MIC PRESIDENT DATUK SERI S.SAMY VELLU. -- BERNAMA
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