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K MPUNNG RAJA, JUNE 18 (BERNAMA) - DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR
MCHAMAD HAS REMINDED UMNO MEMBERS NOT TO BE PREOCCUPIED WITH
SPECULATING ABOUT WHO WILL BE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) CANDIDATES IN
THE GENERAL ELECTION.

INSTEAD THEY SHOULD WORK HARD TO ENSURE A BN VICTORY AT BOTH
STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS, SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS UMNO
PRESIDENT.

ELECTIONS WERE NOT MEANT TO SHOW STRENGTH BUT TO FORM A STABLE
GOVERNMENT CAPABLE OF BRINGING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT FEAR OF
OPPOSITION CRITICISMS, SAID THE PRIME MINISTER.

+I AGREE THAT UMNO MEMBERS ARE EXCITED AND EVER READY TO FACE
THE GENERAL ELECTION EVEN THOUGH ITS DATE HAS NOT BEEN FIXED YET,+
HE SAID WHEN SPEAKING TO ABOUT 1,000 BESUT UMNO DIVISIONAL LEADERS
AT THE BESUT DISTRICT COUNCIL HALL HERE.

UMNO MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE DISAPPOINTED IF THE GENERAL ELECTION
WHICH THEY HAD BEEN ANXIOUSLY WAITING FOR HAD YET TO BE CALLED.

+WE DO NOT WANT TO JUST WIN ONE SEAT HERE AND ONE SEAT THERE IN
THE GENERAL ELECTION,+ SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR.

THEY SHOULD REALISE THAT UMNO WAS SET UP NOT FOR THE PERSONAL
INTEREST OF CERTAIN PEOPLE OR TO CREATE A NUMBER OF +YANG
BERHORMATS+ OR YANG AMAT BERHORMATS,+ HE SAID.-- MORE

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+UMNO WAS SET UP NOT **TO** PROJECT THE IMAGE OF ANYONE AND IF CERTAIN **PEOPLE** ARE **CHOSEN** TO BE ELECTED **REPRESENTATIVES**, IT IS A HERE COINCIDENCE,+ HE SAID.

THE **PRIME MINISTER SAID UMNO'S ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES MUST** PROVIDE SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE **PEOPLE**, RELIGION AND COUNTRY EFFICIENTLY.

DATUK SERI **DR MAHATHIR SAID** IT WOULD BE POINTLESS IF THE PEOPLE CHOSE AN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE⁹ LIKE WHAT HAPPENED ONCE IN KUALA SELANGOR, WHO WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE TOTAL SERVICE BUT ONLY TO ATTEND FEASTS OR SEND ILL VILLAGERS TO THE HOSPITAL.

HE REMINDED UMNO MEMBERS NOT TO BE DISAPPOINTED IF THEY WERE NOT CHOSEN AS CANDIDATES BUT TO WORK HARD FOR THE PARTY'S VICTORY.

UMNO'S VICTORY WAS VITAL FOR CONTINUITY OF DEVELOPMENT WHICH HAD BEEN PLANNED **BY THE GOVERNMENT**, HE SAID... **MORE**
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HE SAID THE BN'S SUCCESS IN BRINGING DEVELOPMENT TO THE PEOPLE COULD NOT BE DISPUTED.

+FOR INSTANCE, WE HAVE SUCCEEDED IN PLACING THE **MALAYS**, WHO HAD LONG BEEN IN THE CLUTCHES OF POVERTY AND NEGLECTED⁹ TO THEIR RIGHTFUL SPOT,+ HE SAID.

FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, UMNO WAS ONE OF THE DEFENDERS OF ISLAMIC **SOVEREIGNTY** AND ENSURED THAT THE RELIGION WAS NOT USED FOR PERSONAL INTEREST.

DATUK SERI **DR MAHATHIR** AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA **DR SITI HASMAH**, WHO ARE ON A ONE-DAY VISIT TO **TERENGGANU**, THIS MORNING VISITED THE KENYIR DAM IN **HULU TERENGGANU**.

THE **PRIME MINISTER** LATER INSPECTED THE \$13 MILLION SUNGAI **BESUT EMBANKMENT** PROJECT AT KAMPUNG NAIL NEAR HERE. -- BERNAHA
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