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JELEBU, JUNE 23 (BERNAMA) - - DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID
TODAY HE WILL NOT INTERFERE IN THE ALLEGED MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
MCA PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR LING LIONG SIK AND THE PARTY'S DEPUTY
PRESIDENT DATUK LEE KIM SAI.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE
SIMPANG DURIAN MARDI RESEARCH STATION HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID
IT WAS AN INTERNAL MATTER OF THE MCA.

+IT'S THEIR INTERNAL MATTER AND WE SHOULD NOT INTERFERE,+ DATUK
SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO BARISAN NASIONAL CHAIRMAN, ADDED.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE TWO MCA LEADERS WOULD RESOLVE THEIR
PROBLEM WITHOUT HIS INTERVENTION. -- MORE
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THE TWO MCA LEADERS HAVE IN THE MEANTIME DENIED PRESS REPORTS
THAT THERE WAS A RIFT BETWEEN THEM.

ON CLAIMS BY USNO THAT THE SABAH GOVERNMENT HAD OBSTRUCTED
FEDERAL PROJECTS IN THE STATE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: +I CANNOT
COMMENT... BOTH (USNO AND THE RULING PART1 BERSATU SABAH) ARE BARISAN
NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES.+

+IT IS UP TO THEM TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT. I WILL NOT INTERFERE,+
HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THE MALAYSIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD
DONATE \$250,000 WORTH OF GOODS INCLUDING FOODSTUFFS AND CONSTRUCTION
MATERIALS TO THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS IN IRAN.

AT LEAST 351000 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF
OTHERS WERE INJURED IN THURSDAY'S EARTHQUAKE. -- MORE
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ASKED ABOUT THE BN CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID: + I DO NOT KNOW HOW MANY NEW FACES AS NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE.+

+IN FACT DURING EVERY ELECTION THERE IS BOUND TO BE CHANGES... THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF NEW FACES AND A NUMBER OF OLD ONES. NEW ONES OR OLD ONES WHO ARE NOT SELECTED (AS CANDIDATES) SHOULD NOT FEEL DISAPPOINTED .. HE SHOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT (THE GOVERNMENT).+

HE SAID THOSE NOT SELECTED SHOULD SUPPORT THE NEW ONES JUST AS THEY WANTED SUPPORT WHEN THEY FIRST BECAME CANDIDATES.

IF THEY DID NOT SUPPORT THE NEW CANDIDATE IT MEANT THEY WERE NOT THANKFUL TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED THEM, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

EARLIER SPEAKING AT THE FUNCTION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS THOUGHT OF NEW EFFORTS TO SPEED UP DE-VELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY IN THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE. -- MORE
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HOWEVER IT COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT ALL AT ONCE BUT IN STAGES DEPENDING ON THE COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL CAPACITY, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

HE REMINDED THE PEOPLE TO WISELY CHOOSE THEIR GOVERNMENT, ONE WHICH WAS REALLY RESPONSIBLE SO THAT THEIR WELLBEING WOULD BE ASSURED AND THERE WOULD BE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT.

THE VARIOUS PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR WAS DUE TO THE WISDOM OF THE PEOPLE IN CHOOSING THEIR GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

THE PEOPLE WERE FORTUNATE THAT MALAYSIA AT PRESENT WAS ONE OF THE MOST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE THIRD WORLD, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR REMINDED THE PEOPLE TO BE VIGILANT FOR THERE WERE CERTAIN GROUPS WHICH INCITED THE PEOPLE TO CHOOSE A NEW GOVERNMENT BUT IN FACT HAD VESTED INTERESTS.

HE SAID SUCH GROUPS WERE TRYING TO AROUSE THE ANGER OF FELDA SETTLERS BY CLAIMING THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT CONTROL DECLINING COMMODITY PRICES SUCH AS THAT OF RUBBER AND PALM OIL. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TRIED ITS LEVEL BEST TO ENSURE THE RISE OF COMMODITY PRICES BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THIS DEPENDED ON MARKET CONDITIONS.

EARLIER THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WELCOMED THE PRIME MINISTER AND HE WAS LED TO THE SITE OF THE PROPOSED MARDI STATION IN SIMPANG DURIAN BY ABOUT 500 MOTORCYCLISTS DRAWN FROM MEMBERS OF BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES.

THE DIGNITARIES PRESENT INCLUDED DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, WIFE OF THE PRIME MINISTER, NEGERI SEMBILAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK MOHAMAD ISA ABDUL SAMAD AND AGRICULTURE MINISTER DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID. -- BERNAMA