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NIBONG TEBAL, JUNE 24<sup>th</sup> (BERNAMA) -- UMNO PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS REMINDED THE MALAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE UNITED TO ENSURE MALAY POLITICAL DOMINANCE.

+THE STRENGTH OF THE MALAYS NOW IS ONLY THEIR POLITICAL DOMINANCE AND DISUNITY WILL CAUSE THE COLLAPSE OF THE POLITICAL DOMINANCE AND THIS WILL BE A LOSS TO THE MALAYS, + THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

THE MALAYS WOULD BE WEAK IF THEY WERE DIVIDED AND MALAY POLITICAL DOMINANCE WAS WITH UMNO, A PARTY WHICH PLACED IMPORTANCE ON UNITY, HE SAID WHILE SPEAKING AT A RALLY AT THE FIELD OF SEKOLAH RENDAH KEBANGSAAN SUNGAI SETAR HERE TODAY.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ATTENDED THE RALLY ORGANISED BY THE PULAU PINANG UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE.

HE SAID THAT UMNO ASPIRED TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY AND TO DEFEND AND IMPROVE THE POSITION OF THE MALAYS. -- MORE

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ALTHOUGH THE MALAYS HAD ACHIEVED SUCCESSES, THE LEVEL OF THEIR SUCCESS WAS NOT SATISFACTORY AND AS SUCH UMNO SHOULD BE CONSOLIDATED SO THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT LED BY UMNO WOULD BE CAPABLE OF ASSISTING THE PEOPLE ESPECIALLY THE MALAYS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

HE SAID THAT UMNO'S ACHIEVEMENTS WERE NOT FOR ANY PARTICULAR INTEREST BUT TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENTS EFFORTS IN THE INTEREST OF THE MALAYS THEMSELVES.

UNFORTUNATELY HE SAID, THERE WERE SOME LEADERS DEFAMING THE GOVERNMENT TO DRAW THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR SELFISH INTEREST.

THOSE CONCERNED DID SO BECAUSE THEY WERE CONCERNED THAT THEY MIGHT NOT OBTAIN SUPPORT DURING THE ELECTION AFTER THEIR FAILURE TO SET A GOOD RECORD DURING THEIR TERM, HE SAID,

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT SUCH LEADERS HAD NO QUALMS ABOUT HAVING TO LIE TO GET VOTES TO ENABLE THEM TO ACHIEVE THEIR AMBITION INCLUDING TO FORM THE GOVERNMENT SO THAT THEY COULD DO WHATEVER THEY LIKE.

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HE CRITICISED THE SEMANGAT 46, DAP AND PAS, THE PARTIES WHICH WERE EITHER PREPARED TO CONFUSE ISSUES OR MAKE PROMISES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE INTEREST.

EARLIER, SPEAKING AT A MEETING WITH COMMUNITY LEADERS OF SUNGAI BAKAP NEAR HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT FOR AS LONG AS THE COUNTRY WAS RULED BY THE BN, THE NATION WOULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY PEACE AND THE PEOPLE WOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE IN HARMONY.

HE SAID THAT THE BN WAS MODERATE AND ALWAYS PROTECT THE INTEREST OF ALL THE RACES AND THEIR RELIGION SO MUCH SO THAT THE PEOPLE COULD LIVE IN PEACE.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE PEACE AND STABILITY ENJOYED WAS BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT CHOSEN BY THE PEOPLE WAS ALWAYS CONSIDERATE OF THE PEOPLE, HE SAID.

MEANWHILE, PULAU PINANG UMNO LIAISON CHIEF ENCIK ANWAR IBRAHIM, IN HIS SPEECH, SAID THAT THE PULAU PINANG MALAYS SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS BECAUSE DISUNITY WOULD BE CAUSE A LOSS TO THE RACE THEMSELVES. --  
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THE STRENGTH OF THE MALAYS DEPENDED ON UMNO AND WITHOUT UMNO THEY WOULD BE LOST, HE ADDED.

ENCIK ANWAR SAID THAT THE PULAU PINANG UMNO WAS PREPARED TO FACE THE ELECTION AT ANY TIME.

ALSO PRESENT WERE UMNO VICE PRESIDENT DATUK ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI, DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER SENATOR MOHAMED FARID ARIFIN AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH ALI. -- BERNAMA

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