

MAHATHIR-REPRESENTATIVES

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SEPANG, JULY 1⁹⁰ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ADVISED THE PEOPLE NOT TO CHOOSE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES JUST BECAUSE THEY LIKE THEM EVEN THOUGH THEY CANNOT BRING ABOUT DEVELOPMENT.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD CHOOSE GOVERNMENT-BACKED ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES BECAUSE ONLY THEY COULD HELP THE PEOPLE.

+THE GENERAL ELECTION IS NOT FOR THE PEOPLE TO ELECT THOSE WHOM THEY LIKE...THOSE WHO LOOKED AFTER THEM WHEN THEY ARE ILL, WHO HELP THEM WASH THE PLATES DURING A FEAST. THE ELECTION IS TO ENABLE THE FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID AT A +LEADERS WITH THE PEOPLE+ GATHERING AT A PANTAI BAGAN LALANG HOLIDAY CAMP NEAR HERE.

+IT WILL NOT BE ENOUGH JUST ELECTING PEOPLE WHOM WE LIKE BECAUSE ONE PERSON ALONE CANNOT FORM THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO ENSURE A LANDSLIDE VICTORY FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RULING PARTY IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO ENABLE THE GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE SERVING THEM. -- MORE

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HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE THE MP FOR BUKIT BINTANG ENCIK LEE LAM THYE WHO WAS ABLE TO SERVE THE PEOPLE BECAUSE HE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

+LEE LAM THYE ALONE CANNOT DO ANYTHING. HE IS ABLE TO SERVE BECAUSE WE HELP HIM. THAT IS WHY HE IS NICE TO US...WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICERS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED THE PEOPLE TO ASSESS THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE OPPOSITION LEADERS, INCLUDING THOSE FROM PARTI SEMANGAT 46, TO THEM SO FAR.

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HE QUESTIONED THE STAND OF SEMANGAT 46 LEADERS WHO AT ONE TIME WERE BENT ON DESTROYING PAS IN KELANTAN BUT NOW WERE HOLDING THE PARTY IN HIGH ESTEEM.

ON PAS, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PARTY HAD DEVIATED FROM ITS STRUGGLE TO DEFEND ISLAM BECAUSE IT COOPERATED WITH DAP WHICH OPENLY CAMPAIGNED FOR A SECULAR SYSTEM.

+PAS LEADERS WHO TOPPLED DATUK ASRI MUDA (FORMER PAS PRESIDENT) FOR ALLEGEDLY NOT STRUGGLING FOR ISLAM NOW HAVE DEVIATED FURTHER FROM THEIR STRUGGLE,+ HE SAID.

DR MAHATHIR SLAMMED OPPOSITION LEADERS, LIKE TRADE UNIONISTS V.DAVID AND ZAINAL RAMPAK, FOR DESTROYING THE RICE BOWL OF THE WORKERS BY ASKING FOREIGNERS TO WITHDRAW MALAYSIA'S GENERALISED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES (GSP) STATUS.

HE SAID SUCH GROUPS HAD THREATENED HITACHI WORKERS IN BANGI TO STAGE AN ILLEGAL STRIKE RECENTLY AND THIS NEARLY COST THE WORKERS THEIR JOBS. -- MORE
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SPEAKING TO REPORTERS LATER, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT SO FAR, ENCIK V.DAVID, THE MALAYSIAN TRADES UNION CONGRESS (MTUC) SECRETARY-GENERAL, HAD BEEN PROVIDING WRONG INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION IN MALAYSIA EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW THAT WITHOUT THE GSP, MALAYSIAN GOODS WOULD NOT BE COMPETITIVE.

+HE SAYS HE WANTS TO SUPPORT (THE GOVERNMENT)...SUPPORT WITH A CONDITION THAT HE WILL BACK GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO DEFEND THE GSP STATUS PROVIDED VARIOUS CLAIMS PERTAINING TO WORKERS RIGHTS IN THE COUNTRY ARE LOOKED INTO BY THE GOVERNMENT.+

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IF A NATIONAL ELECTRONICS WORKERS UNION WAS SET UP, IT COULD LEAD TO WORKERS UNREST AND STRIKES, LIKE THAT STAGED AT THE HITACHI PLANT.

ON THE BARISAN NASIONAL MANIFESTO, HE SAID THE BN GOVERNMENT WANTED TO MAINTAIN NATIONAL STABILITY AND REDUCE POLITICKING.

HE SAID THE BN MANIFESTO COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY ENCIK GHAFAR BABA, WHO IS ALSO BN SECRETARY, HAD HELD DISCUSSIONS IN PREPARING THE MANIFESTO. -- MORE
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ON THE PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH OBSERVER GROUP FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, HE SAID HAD NOT MADE AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO THE OBSERVERS OR DRAWN UP ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE.

HE SAID THAT SO FAR, HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER ONLY WITH SIR SRIDATH RAMPHAL, WHO WAS SUCCEEDED BY CHIEF EMEKA ANYAOKU AS COMMONWEALTH SECRETARY-GENERAL TODAY.

+WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE OPPOSITION TO FIND OUT WHAT THEY WANT BUT IF THEY WANT TO IMPOSE THIS AND THAT CONDITION, THEN IT WILL BE A BIT DIFFICULT,+ HE SAID.

THEREFORE, HE SAID, THE OPPOSITION SHOULD ACCEPT WHATEVER THAT WOULD BE DONE BY THE OBSERVER GROUP.

EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH ALI WERE ACCORDED A COLOURFUL WELCOME WHEN THEY ARRIVED IN A MOTORCADE ACCOMPANIED BY ABOUT 1,000 BN MEMBERS ASTRIDE MOTORCYCLES FROM THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH SUNGAI RAWANG. -- BERNAMA