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KLANG, AUG 26 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE FORCED TO FORMULATE THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ON ITS OWN IF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OPPOSITION WITHDRAW FROM THE CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL ON THE EDUCATION ACT AND IT FAILS TO ARRIVE AT A CONSENSUS, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

BY INVITING THE OPPOSITION ~~PARTIES TO SIT ON~~ THE EDUCATION COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE CRITICAL OF IT TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS AND OPINIONS, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER OPENING THE NEW BUILDING OF SEKOLAH RENDAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (CINA) PIN HWA (PERSENDIRIAN) HERE.

IF THE OPPOSITION REPRESENTATIVES REPEAT WHAT THEY DID WITH REGARD TO THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL (NECC) TO DISCUSS THE POST-1990 ECONOMIC POLICY, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO DRAW UP A POLICY TO SAFEGUARD THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE! HE SAID.

+IT IS EASY FOR THEM TO LEAVE THE COUNCIL AND SAY THEY CANNOT ACCEPT THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS, BUT THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THEIR VIEWS CAN BE ACCEPTED BY OTHERS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT ACCEPT THE VIEWS OF THE MINORITY EXTREMIST GROUP IN ANY CONSULTATION BECAUSE IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS THE MINORITY HAS TO ACCEPT THE VIEWS OF THE MAJORITY. -- MORE

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HE REFERRED TO THE 27 CHINESE EDUCATIONISTS WHO JOINED THE DAP RECENTLY AND SAID: +THEY DECIDED TO JOIN THE DAP BECAUSE THEIR VIEWS WERE NOT ACCEPTED IN THE NECC.+

+I HOPE THE PEOPLE WILL NOT SUPPORT EXTREMISTS SUCH AS THESE, REGARDLESS WHETHER THEY ARE MALAYS, CHINESE OR INDIANS, BECAUSE IF WE ACCOMMODATE THEM THEY WILL QUARREL AMONGST THEMSELVES AND THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE NO PEACE,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WANTED TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS ON THE EDUCATION ACT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THOUGH IT HAD NOT SET A DEADLINE.

+WE ARE MOULDING A NATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM= TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL SYSTEM, WE MUST HAVE THE AGREEMENT OF ALL QUARTERS AND NOT OF ONLY ONE SIDE. IF ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AGREE, WE WILL WAIT FOR THEIR VIEWS,+ HE SAID.

IN HIS SPEECH EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA WOULD EASILY ACHIEVE THE STATUS OF A DEVELOPED COUNTRY IF IT WAS ADMINISTERED BY PEOPLE WHO WERE MODERATE IN THEIR UNDERTAKINGS AND NOT IF IT WAS RULED BY CHAUVINISTS. -- MORE

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HE SAID THE YOUNGER GENERATION WOULD HAVE A BRIGHTER FUTURE IF ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE, INDIAN AND MALAY COMMUNITIES WERE MODERATE IN THEIR ATTITUDE AND WORKED TOGETHER.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT¹ FOR **EXAMPLE**, TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS OF MALAY MEDIUM SCHOOLS TO HAVE CLOSE CONTACT WITH THOSE FROM CHINESE AND TAMIL MEDIUM SCHOOLS TO FACILITATE THEIR INTERACTION WHEN THEY LEFT SCHOOL.

+STUDENTS IN NATIONAL SCHOOLS SHOULD BE CLOSE WITH STUDENTS IN CHINESE AND TAMIL **SCHOOLS**, OTHERWISE THEY WILL ALWAYS HARBOUR SUSPICIONS OF ONE **ANOTHER**,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR GAVE THE ASSURANCE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ERADICATE CHINESE EDUCATION, BUT WOULD INSTEAD GIVE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT WHERE NECESSARY.

HE SAID **NOT** MANY COUNTRIES IN THE REGION ALLOWED THEIR SCHOOLS TO USE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION AS IN MALAYSIA. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID CHINESE PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN MALAYSIA WERE FULLY ASSISTED BY THE GOVERNMENT WHILE SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ALTHOUGH NOT FULLY ASSISTED! WERE ALLOWED TO USE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION.

+ALLEGATIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT DISCRIMINATING AGAINST THE RACES ARE BASELESS= THOUGH WE HAVE THE LAWS TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES⁹ WE ALWAYS OBTAIN THE VIEWS OF THE PEOPLE AND NOT ONLY THE VIEWS OF ANY ONE RACE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IN AN OPEN **SYSTEM**,+ HE SAID.

AT THE **FUNCTION**, THE **PRIME** MINISTER ANNOUNCED"-AN ALLOCATION OF \$100-0'00 FOR THE SCHOOL TO BUILD A HALL. THAT SCHOOL AND THREE OTHER CHINESE PRIVATE SECONDARY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS HAD RECEIVED \$200,000 FROM THE SELANGOR GOVERNMENT.

EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR **SITI** HASMAH WERE ESCORTED BY 200 MOTORCYCLISTS, MADE UP OF MCA YOUTH **MEMBERS**, FOR ABOUT TWO **KILOMETRES**, FROM THE BERKELEY ROUNDABOUT TO THE JUNCTION OF JALAN GOH HOCK HUAT AND JALAN NENAS.

ON ARRIVAL THERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS WELCOMED BY SELANGOR MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI MUHAMMAD HAJI MUHAMMAD **TAIB**, HEALTH MINISTER ENCIK NG CHENG **KIAT**, WHO IS THE MP FOR **KLANG**, AND COMMUNITY LEADERS FROM THE BARISAN NASIONAL COMPONENT PARTIES. -- BERNAMA
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