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KANGAR, OCT 19 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY HE WAS SADDENED BY THE FANATICAL BELIEF PLACED BY PAS FOLLOWERS IN THEIR LEADERS, PARTICULARLY DEPUTY PRESIDENT, HAJI HADI AWANG, RATHER THAN ON INFORMATION DISSEMINATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

+WHEN WE (UMNO) SAID SEMANGAT 46 WOULD DESTROY PAS AND THAT THE PARTY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CREATE AN ISLAMIC STATE THROUGH THE OPPOSITION FRONT, THEY DID NOT BELIEVE US,+ HE ADDED.

+ENCIK KARPAL SINGH (DAP VICE-PRESIDENT) SAID 'OVER MY DEAD BODY' TO THE FORMATION OF AN ISLAMIC STATE BUT PAS KEPT QUIET. IF HAJI HADI HAD SAID KARPAL SINGH WAS A HAJI, THE PAS PEOPLE WOULD ALSO BELIEVE HIM. SUCH IS THEIR FANATICISM TOWARDS THEIR PARTY,+ HE SAID.

ADDRESSING BN CANDIDATES, FORMER ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND ELECTION WORKERS FROM PERLIS AT THE INSTITUT TEKNOLOGI MARA (ITM) CAMPUS IN ARAU, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PAS STRUGGLE WAS NO LONGER AS PRINCIPLED AS WHEN IT WAS LED BY DATUK ASRI MUDA.

HE ALSO SAID THAT PROOF THAT PAS HAD A PACT WITH THE DAP WAS CLEARLY SEEN IN THE ABSENCE OF A PAS CANDIDATE IN THE KOTA SETAR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY IN THIS GENERAL ELECTION.

IN THE 1986 GENERAL ELECTION, THE PAS AND DAP CANDIDATES EACH POLLED 9,000 VOTES AND BN 16,000 VOTES. -- MORE
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+OF COURSE PAS SAYS IT HAS NO PACT WITH THE DAP BUT BY NOT CONTESTING AGAINST THE DAP IN KOTA SETAR, THE PAS PEOPLE WILL VOTE FOR DAP,+ HE ADDED.

HE REITERATED THAT PAS WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO FORM AN ISLAMIC STATE BECAUSE IT WAS ONLY CONTESTING FOR 32 SEATS IN PARLIAMENT.

THE PARTY HAD SWALLOWED SEMANGAT 46 LEADER, TENGKU RAZALEIGH'S PLEDGE TO FORM THE GOVERNMENT AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WOULD REMAIN STEADFAST IN SUPPORTING UMNO AND BN, EVEN IN HIS RETIREMENT.

ON THE PARTI BERSATU SABAH (PBS) WITHDRAWAL FROM BN, HE SAID THE PARTY DID SO BECAUSE AITS PRESIDENT, DATUK JOSEPH PAIRIN KITINGAN, MADE ALL KINDS OF DEMANDS, ESPECIALLY FOR PAYMENT OF HIGHER OIL ROYALTY TO THE STATE FOLLOWING A DECREASE IN TIMBER RESOURCES DUE TO UNCONTROLLED FELLING OF TREES.

HE ADVISED BN SUPPORTERS TO WORK HARD TO ENSURE VICTORY FOR THE COALITION.

EARLIER, MENTERI BESAR DR ABDUL HAMID PAWANTEH SAID THE BN IN PERLIS DID NOT FACE ANY PROBLEM IN FACING THE GENERAL ELECTION. --
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