

MAHATHIR-PAS R'R'R'

JITRA, NOV 12 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS DARED PAS MEMBERS TO EXPOSE WRONGDOINGS BY THEIR LEADERS BY QUITTING THE PARTY EN-BLOC AS IT WAS TIME THEY DID SO.

MANY PAS FOLLOWERS HAD REALISED THAT THEY HAD BEEN MISLED BUT WERE STILL SHY TO JOIN UMNO, SAID DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT.

+MALPRACTICES BY PAS LEADERS ARE INCREASINGLY GLARING AND PAS HAD STRAYED AWAY FROM ISLAMIC CHARACTERISTICS,+ SAID THE PRIME MINISTER WHEN OPENING THE KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES' MEETING HERE TODAY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR IS HEAD OF THE DIVISION.

IN SPITE OF PAS TRYING TO PROJECT ITSELF AS CHAMPION OF ISLAMIC CAUSE IN KELANTAN, HE BELIEVED THE PEOPLE WOULD SOON SEE IT DISHONOURING ITS EARLIER PLEDGES.

THE PRIME MINISTER BELIEVED THAT THE COLLABORATION AMONG PARTIES IN THE OPPOSITION ALLIANCE COULD NOT ENDURE AS IT WAS SET UP MERELY TO MEET THEIR ELECTION INTERESTS.-- MORE

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+TODAY WE SEE HOW PAS MONOPOLISED THE STATE GOVERNMENT...IN KELANTAN, (PARTI SEMANGAT) 46 IS NOT GIVEN A PLACE AND HAS TO WEEP FOR THE DEPUTY MENTERI BESAR POST.+

+HAD THE PALACE NOT INTERFERED IN THE APPOINTMENT OF A DEPUTY MENTERI BESAR FOR 46, THERE WILL NOT BE A SECOND DEPUTY MENTERI BESAR POST. THIS SHOWS NO COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM ,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR INVITED SEMANGAT 46 AND MALAY INTELLECTUALS WHO HAVE NOT JOINED UMNO TO DO SO.

HE REMINDED SEMANGAT 46 MEMBERS NOT TO SET CONDITIONS SUCH AS DEMANDING FOR SPECIFIC POSTS WHEN JOINING UMNO.

THEY HAVE TO UNDERGO THE NORMAL PROCESS OF PARTY ELECTIONS IF THEY WANTED TO HOLD POSITIONS, HE SAID.

UMNO HOPED TO INCREASE ITS MEMBERSHIP TO EXCEED THE 2 MILLION MARK, HE SAID.-- MORE

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WHEN APPROACHED BY REPORTERS LATER, HE SAID UMNO WOULD ORGANISE COURSES FOR NEW MEMBERS TO FAMILIARISE THEM WITH ITS OBJECTIVES AND IDEALS.

UMNO LEADERS TOO WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE COURSES TO BE CONDUCTED CONTINUOUSLY.

HE SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD NO PLANS YET TO APPOINT FEDERAL SECRETARIES FOR KELANTAN AS IN THE CASE OF SABAH AND SARAWAK.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, THE STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD APPOINT SEVERAL OFFICERS TO CHAIR SPECIFIC COMMITTEES IN KELANTAN DEPENDING ON THE NEED.

THE PRIME MINISTER RETURNED TO KUALA LUMPUR THIS EVENING.--