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GREED FOR UMNO POSITIONS NEGLIGIBLE BUT CAN BE DANGEROUS, SAYS MAHATHIR

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the greed for positions in Umno was negligible but warned that it was dangerous and could cause the party to break up.

He said that so far the distribution of poison-pen letters, making of slanderous statements and engaging in money politics to secure positions were restricted to individuals and not factions.

+It is not so bad (now)...but then all undesirable activities have a small beginning,+ he told a news conference after opening the Umno general assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

Dr Mahathir was asked to elaborate on his reference, in his speech, to unhealthy campaigns at branch and divisional levels.

+There are no factions. What I mean are individuals.. individuals who want positions for themselves ,+ he said in reply to a question. -- more

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In his speech, he had said that the unhealthy tactics included the use of government facilities to garner support for oneself.

He also said that poison-pen letters had been circulated, along with party secrets, books. had been published to discredit certain leaders, and much money was used to garner support.

+I would like to remind that having an obsession for positions in the party will only destroy the party,+ he told the assembly, attended by more than 1,700 delegates.

A poison-pen letter, +Surat Dari Kota+, had been in circulation and became a hot topic among Umno members. The letter discredited certain leaders.

Dr Mahathir himself, at a meeting with Umno divisional leaders last week, referred to the letter and criticised those who had been responsible for circulating, it, -- more

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According to the prime minister, his name had also been mentioned in the letter.

Yesterday, Umno youth leader Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, in his address to the movement's general assembly, called on the Home Ministry to investigate the matter and arrest the writer s of the letter. -- Bernama

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Mahathir - UMNO

GEJALA TAMAK JAWATAN UMNO, WALAU KECIL TAPI BAHAYA, KATA MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Nov. (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad berkata gejala tamak jawatan dalam UMNO sekarang masih +kecil+, tetapi tetap berbahaya dan boleh menyebabkan parti itu pecah.

Katanya, setakat ini, tindakan menyebarkan surat layang, membuat fitnah dan menggunakan politik wang untuk mendapatkan jawatan hanya melibatkan individu-individu tertentu dan tidak bersifat berpuak-puak..

+{Sekarang ini} tidak begitu buruk... tetapi semua perkara buruk bermula daripada perkara-perkara kecil,+ katanya dalam persidangan akhbar selepas merasmikan Perhimpunan Agung UMNO di Pusat Dagangan Dunia Putra di sini.

+Mula-mula kecil nanti dia jadi besar,+ kata Dr Mahathir ketika diminta mengulas lanjut ucapan beliau yang menyatakan wujudnya kempen tidak sihat di peringkat cawangan dan bahagian.

+Tidak ada puak. Yang saya nyatakan adalah individu...individu yang hendakkan jawatan untuk diri dia,+ kata Perdana Menteri semasa menjawab soalan. -- Lagi

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Mahathir - UMNO 2 Kuala Lumpur

Ketika berucap, beliau mendedahkan taktik kempen yang tidak sihat. termasuk menggunakan kemudahan kerajaan untuk mendapat sokongan bagi diri sendiri.

Perdana Menteri juga mendedahkan surat layang yang mengandungi fitnah dan butir-butir rahsia parti telah diedarkan, buku dicetak untuk memburukkan para pemimpin tertentu dan wang yang banyak masih ditaburkan bagi mendapat sokongan.

+Saya ingin mengingatkan, bahawa jika kerana terlalu ghairah untuk mendapatkan kedudukan dalam parti, parti akan hancur,+ katanya pada perhimpunan yang dihadiri oleh lebih 1,700 perwakilan.

Menjelang Perhimpunan Agung ini, isu surat layang, yang disebut sebagai +Surat Dari Kota+ menjadi topik perbualan hangat di kalangan anggota parti UMNO.

+Surat Dari Kota+, yang sedang tersebar luas dikatakan memburukkan pemimpin tertentu. -- Lagi

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Dr Mahathir sendiri, dalam perjumpaannya dengan pemimpin-pemimpin Bahagian UMNO minggu lepas, turut menyentuh isu berhubung surat itu dan membidas mereka yang bertanggungjawab mengedar surat berkenaan.

Menurut Perdana Menteri, nama beliau sendiri dibabitkan dalam surat berkenaan.

Semalam Ketua Pemuda Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, ketika berucap pada Perhimpunan Agung pergerakan itu, mendesak Kementerian Dalam Negeri menyiasat +sehingga ke akar umbi+ dan menangkap pengarang-pengarang surat itu. -- Bernama

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