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MANY MALAYS DON'T REALISE THE DANGER OF RECOLONISATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today there were still many people in the country particularly the Malays who do not realise the danger of the attempts by foreigners to recolonise the country.

Thus, they do not want to unite but were more keen to fight for party positions, he said.

"Till today, there are attempts to recolonise us and we find that the Malays are still like before," he said in a disappointed tone in his adjournment speech at the end of the one-day Special Umno General Assembly at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here today.

"Hence, they might be divided as the foreigners are clever in using us and our weaknesses to divide us," he said.

Despite Malaysia's 42 years of independence, the assumption that the country would continue to be a free nation might be inaccurate and might not be true at all, he said.

"After gaining independence (from colonial masters), we feel too comfortable and believe we will be free forever. That's why the people do not pay much attention to protecting the country.

"Foreigners are envious to see a sovereign country like Malaysia and they intend to control us directly or indirectly. Their ways are to impoverish us so that we will have to beg them for help," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the debate in today's special assembly saw party members venting their anger on foreign interference in Malaysia's internal affairs but there was not much discussions on the dangers of such meddling.

He said it was clearly visible now how they tried to divide the people by picking a person whom they feel was more qualified from the present one so that they could recolonise the country.

He also recalled how the people of this country lived in constant fear under the rule of the European colonialists since 1511.

However, the colonialists were defeated given the strong unity among the Malays then who realised that they were being colonised when the Malay Rulers were downgraded to that of mere Chief Kadis in their respective states.

"It is because of their unity, the Malays could defeat the British through Umno without the use of arms, wealth and knowledge," he added.

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