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`Nation must remain united to prevent recolonisation'

DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said Malaysia will not be safe from recolonisation by Western powers as long as Umno and the country are not strong and united.

The Prime Minister said despite all that had happened since the economic crisis, there are many in the country who are still complacent and unaware of the danger facing the country.

"They are instead more concerned with power struggles within the party," he said when winding up points raised by members during the Umno extraordinary general assembly in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Dr Mahathir said the colonists who hate to see Malaysia prosper and seek independent resort of pooring the country so that Malaysia has to beg for their assistance.

"When we do this, they can impose various conditions on us thus making us poorer than before," he added.

Dr Mahathir said other countries in the region had this experience, where many of their people are now unemployed and having problem to support themselves ever since they sought support from the International Monetary Fund.

He assured that Malaysia will not bow to these "modern" colonists' pressure, and the rakyat must stay united and opt for a culture that respect law and order to avoid this from happening.

Dr Mahathir said rules and laws mean nothing if the people are not adhering to or respect them.

"What determines the good or bad of a party is its members' culture and values that they hold. If we knew corruption is wrong, then we should stay away from it."

Dr Mahathir said he is aware of divisions accepting RM1 million from certain parties, and yet claiming that they are not influenced by the generous gesture.

"I am not confident this is so. I do not think those accepting RM1 million will do good to Umno," he added.

Dr Mahathir also said that Malaysia will not accept ways of the Western, that are normally being preached and practiced because its ultimate aim is to benefit the West.

"They will not hold on to one believe unless it is to their benefit. At one time, they talked of socialism, and there are some of us who believed in this.

"Now they are talking about capitalism, and those who do not accept this are considered as uncivilised by them...We should condemn them whose sole purpose is to colonise us and their practice could only bring disaster".

Dr Mahathir said although the Westerners had colonised Malaysia for over 400 years, the achievements made during this era is way below than what the Government had done in the last 40 years.

"We are hundred times better than them in managing our country. They should learn from us," he added.

Dr Mahathir acknowledged that it is not easy for Malaysia to fight these Westerners, and the situation is worsened as there are locals who are influenced by their believes.

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