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PM WARNS OF FOREIGN ATTEMPTS TO RECOLONISE THE COUNTRY

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today reminded the people of the danger of attempts by foreign powers to seek to install a puppet among the local community to recolonise the country.

He said that when they had identified their puppet, they would use the weaknesses of their puppet to manipulate him and adopt various means to ensure that the puppet was at their mercy.

"As such, special treatment is given to their puppet, certain efforts made to have him tutored, so that he and his cronies could voice out their views. Eventually, they expect their puppet to take over the leadership of the country and obey their orders," he said at the Umno special general assembly, here.

Dr Mahathir, who is Umno president, said that when this happens, indirectly, the country would have been colonised once again.

"When the puppet they have groomed for years suddenly loses the prospect of becoming the country's leader, the wrath of the foreign manipulators knows no bounds and they therefore give their support openly to attempts by their puppet to undermine the race which is dominant in the country's administration.

"This is what is happening. It can be clearly seen that attempts to colonise the nation have already been made," he said.

However, he said that this time the foreign powers had failed but there was no guarantee that such attempts would not be initiated again.

He said that the foreign powers always wanted countries which were once colonised including Malaysia to continue to look up to their former colonial masters who were displeased over the progress achieved by the independent nations.

In Malaysia, he said, it was clear that foreign powers wish to destroy the country by creating disunity and rifts among the Malays through various means.

"There are many ways to undermine the Malays. At the outset, the Malays are disunited through the use of religion by people with an agenda. In the name of Islam, the Malays are in enmity with the Malays.

"But due to the unity of the majority of the Malays in Umno, this abuse of religion by certain quarters did not succeed to undermine the Malays," he said.

However, he said, elements which could create disunity continue to exist in the Malay community, just waiting for an issue or opportunity to erupt within the rifts in Umno itself.

"The foreign powers are aware of this and they sought a puppet with some integrity," Dr Mahathir said.

"Malaysia is not a mighty nation but a small country which is multi-racial. Among them are Bumiputeras with the majority being the Malays, the dominant race in the country," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that the key to the success or failure of the attempts by foreign powers to recolonise the country lies in the hands of Umno members because for as long as the party was strong and solid and for as long as unity in Umno was sound, attempts by the foreign powers to undermine and recolonise the country would not succeed.

He said that the foreign powers would deny that they have an agenda to retard the progress of the countries in the East.

However, he said, it was common knowledge from the history of the foreign powers in Asia and other regions that they certainly have a conspiracy to ensure that they continue to dominate the world or at the very least eliminate the possibility of being challenged.

Dr Mahathir said that from historical facts compiled by an American author, attempts to cause the downfall of leaders in newly-independent nations were made in Indonesia, Vietnam, Cambodia and several other countries.

He said that no country was allowed to remain peaceful and prosperous unless its leader could be manipulated and installed as their puppet.

The prime minister said that although the foreign powers claimed not to have interfered in the affairs of regions which had been granted independence, secretly they try to undermine the nations by disuniting the people and the regions so that they could not be governed well and successfully.

"When there are riots and civil unrest, they will not only supply arms to certain quarters but are prepared to be mercenaries to the parties fighting for power," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that their aim was to see that the leaders of the newly-independent nations become weak and could be manipulated by them.

He said that most of the nations which were independent and successful were in East Asia where economic growth and progress posed a real challenge to their former colonial masters.

Dr Mahathir said that even if the leaders were to establish a dictatorship, the former colonialists would still be prepared to assist them for as long as the leaders were aligned to them and allow them to exploit their nations' prosperity.

Indirectly, colonisation still takes place, he said.

The prime minister said that although at first the world community felt that nobody had the right to interfere in the internal affairs of independent nations, the Western powers had managed to convince the world that to monitor and curb human rights violation, they were entitled to intervene in the domestic affairs of countries not in their favour.

He said that under such claims, their propaganda machinery would make allegations of human rights violations here and there.

"Such is their arrogance that they were prepared to actually attack small nations and arrest their leaders, like a president of a Latin American nation, to be brought back to their country and tried under their laws," he said.

"They are not in the least bothered that an such action is a gross violation of international laws," he said.

Dr Mahathir said that in this unipolar world, a world dominated by only one bloc, countries do not have a choice to move on to another bloc.

Unfortunately, if nations were to bow to the sole power, there would be oppression and progress curtailed, he said.

He said that colonisation still exist and would continue to exist even in the new millennium.

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