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Powers which get their way using a `puppet`

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today spoke of how foreign powers seek a "credible puppet" by controlling a person through his weaknesses.

He said various methods were used to ensure that this puppet follows their commands, with special treatment provided and guidance given until the puppet and cronies could articulate all their wishes.

"Finally they hope this puppet will take over as a country's leader and follow their commands. Indirectly, the colonialism of a nation has taken place.

"When the puppet they nurture suddenly loses the possibility of becoming a leader of a country, the anger of the foreign masterminds is beyond control. So they openly support the attempt by their puppet to cripple the people who are the thrust of the country's administration.

"This is what is happening. It can be clearly seen that attempts to colonise the country have already been made. This time it failed. But there is no guarantee that attempts will not be made again."

Dr Mahathir who is Umno president was speaking at the start of the extraordinary general meeting to amend the Umno constitution.

He said Malaysia was not strong and was actually weak. "Malaysia is a small country with a multi-racial population. Among them were the Bumiputera, the majority of whom are Malays. It is the Malays who are the thrust of the country," he added.

He said it was very clear that to cripple and subjugate this country, the Malays must be divided.

"From the outset, the Malays had been divided through the use of religion by people with vested interest. In the name of Islam the Malays created enmity with the Malays. But thanks to the unity among the majority of the Malays in Umno, the misuse of religion by certain parties had not succeeded in crippling the Malays.

"Nevertheless, the signs of disunity continue to prevail within the Malays. It is only waiting for issues or opportunities to emerge from among the cracks within Umno itself.

"The foreign power is aware of this fact. They are looking for the credible puppet. When they identify this puppet, they use the weakness in him to control him."

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