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Umno-Mahathir (Poem)

MAHATHIR CHOKES WITH EMOTION AS HE DELIVERS POEM ON MALAYS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 23 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad choked with emotion as he delivered a poem entitled "Melayu Mudah Lupa (Malays Have Short Memory) towards the end of the Umno General Assembly today.

The prime minister was almost in tears as he read the final lines: "My people, don't forget so easily any more, because your struggle has not ended."

Although at the outset of his winding-up speech, he said he did not wish to cry again, the party president could not control his emotions as he rendered the poem.

The delegates gave him a standing ovation as soon as he finished reading the poem, which he received from someone when he was delivering his speech earlier.

The delegates repeated the verses of "Melayu Mudah Lupa" after the prime minister when he read it.

In his keynote address when opening the general assembly on Thursday, Dr Mahathir touched on the Malays' short memory of lessons from history and the humiliation they received because of disunity and weaknesses in the community.

The poem reads:

"Melayu mudah lupa  
Melayu mudah lupa  
Melayu mudah lupa

Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya dipijak  
Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya retak  
Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya teriak  
Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya haprak

Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya kelas dua  
Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya hina  
Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya sengketa  
Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya derita

Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya kerdil  
Melayu mudah lupa  
Dulu bangsanya terpencil  
Tiada daulat  
Tiada maruah  
Tiada bebas

Melayu mudah lupa  
Melayu mudah lupa  
Melayu mudah lupa

Sejarah bangsanya yang lena  
Tanah lahirnya yang merekah berdarah

Ingatlah  
Ingatlah  
Ingatlah

Wahai bangsaku  
Jangan mudah lupa lagi  
Kerana perjuanganmu belum selesai.  
-- BERNAMA  
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