

UCAPAN YAB DATO HUSSEIN ONN,
PERDANA MENTERI MALAYSIA,
DI PERESMIAN PERHIMPUNAN AGONG
TAHUNAN PARTI GERAKAN, DI HOTEL
MERLIN, KUALA LUMPUR PADA HARI
SABTU, 26HB. MEI, 1979 JAM 9.30PAGI.

1. Yang Amat Berhormat Dr. Lim Chong Eu,
Presiden Parti Gerakan.
 2. Yang Amat Berhormat Dato Sri Dr. Mahathir Mohd.
~~Timbalan Perdana Menteri.~~
 3. Yang Berhormat Encik Abdul Ghafar Baba,
Setiausaha Agong Barisan Nasional.
 4. Ahli-Ahli Majlis Kerja Pusat Gerakan.
 5. Yang Berhormat Ketua-Ketua Parti Komponen
Barisan Nasional.
 6. Para Perwakilan.
 7. Tuan-tuan dan Puan-puan sekalian.
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1. Saya mengucapkan berbanyak terima
kaseh kepada Parti Gerakan Rakyat Malaysia,
terutama kepada Presiden nya Dr. Lim Chong Eu,
kerana sudi menjemput saya, dan memberi
penghormatan, untuk membuka Mesyuarat
Perwakilan Tahunan Parti nya.

2. Pilihanraya Umum telah pun selesai
pada tahun lepas, dan Barisan Nasional telah
diberi mandat yang menyeluruh oleh rakyat,
supaya mentadbirkan negara ini selama lima
tahun. Di Pulau Pinang, Kerajaan Barisan
Nasional adalah di ketuai oleh Ketua Parti
Gerakan.

3. Kemenangan Barisan Nasional dalam Pilihanraya Umum, tidak sekali-kali melalaikan kita semua daripada tanggungjawab kita kepada rakyat. Sebaliknya, kita melipatgandakan *lagi* usaha kita terhadap pembangunan negara dan pertumbuhan ekonomi. Ini adalah terbukti daripada tindakan dan tambahan peruntukan yang berikut daripada Kajian Setengah Penggal Rancangan Malaysia Ketiga. Dalam perkara ini, Parti Gerakan adalah terlibat dan menyempurnakan *dengan* tanggungjawabnya, terutama berkenaan/pembangunan di Negeri Pulau Pinang. Di peringkat Pusat,

Menteri dan Timbalan Menteri daripada Parti Gerakan telah bekerja dengan kuat dan bersungguh-sungguh di Kementerian-Kementerian. Bagitu *lah* juga dengan Ahli-ahli Parlimen dan ^{Dewan} Undangan Negeri daripada Parti itu. Semangat dan minat ahli-ahli Parti Gerakan untuk berkhidmat kepada Barisan Nasional dan negara amatlah membanggakan. Parti Gerakan tidak kurang daripada parti-parti yang lain, yang memberi kekuatan kepada Barisan Nasional. Dengan semangat yang begitu kuat, yang telah ditunjukkan oleh ahli-ahli Parti Gerakan, tidak ada sebabnya

yang Parti itu, tidak boleh bertambah berjaya lagi, di masa-masa hadapan.

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Ladies and Gentlemen.

6. Today's Annual General Assembly of the Gerakan, is the first to be held by a component party of the Barisan Nasional, since the massive general elections victory last year. Every component party in the Barisan Nasional, should therefore seriously analyse the victory, and find ways and means to improve its performance, so that the Barisan Nasional may further strengthen its position as the ruling party. At the same time, it must use the mandate to intensify its efforts

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in the coming years to fulfil its promises. The Barisan Nasional must continue to dedicate itself to the achievement of peace, stability, prosperity, social justice and a better life for all Malaysians. This has been our pledge, and we must honour it.

7. As you are aware, Barisan Nasional was formed to lessen politicking amongst the various political parties. The political stability which has been achieved, has enabled us to devote more time and energy to the task of national development. This has benefitted the people. The component

parties must continue to work together at all levels.

We cannot afford to work at cross-purposes, as this

contrary to
will be ~~against~~ the very concept of forming the

Barisan Nasional.

8. It is imperative that the component parties should continually examine their contri-
butions towards the achievement of the objectives of the Barisan Nasional. They should constantly evaluate their role in the Barisan Nasional.

They should ask themselves whether they have really and adequately served the greater interests

of the Barisan Nasional. The collective strength of the Barisan Nasional depends upon the effectiveness of each and every component party. This should be the primary consideration.

8A. In a multi racial society, each community invariably makes its own demands. Very often, these demands are competing. In such a case, unless there is a machinery for resolving them, there will be endless conflicts and perhaps chaos. Fortunately for us, through the wisdom of our leaders and our people, the Barisan Nasional was formed to provide this machinery. Through it,

vital issues are discussed and determined.

8B. It cannot be denied that through ~~this~~ ^{the} collective efforts of the Barisan Nasional, every community in this country has benefitted.

The increasing prosperity and well being of all the communities ----- Malays, Chinese, Indians and others ----- are due to the joint efforts of the component parties in the Barisan Nasional. In this respect, each and every one in the of the component parties / Barisan Nasional can justifiably be proud.

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8C. It is a fact of life, that people tend to take for granted the benefits which they enjoy, and magnify their dissatisfaction for the things they don't have. In our society, this assumes racial overtones. The benefits enjoyed by a community, is assumed by another community to be at the expense of ^{its} ~~his~~ own. Unless promptly checked, this attitude has a disruptive effect on relations among the communities in our country. It is the responsibility of leaders to remind the people, particularly those of ~~his~~ ^{their} own community, of the benefits they are enjoying.

Instead of competing with the opposition in
exploiting dissatisfaction, we should highlight
the gains that each community has derived
 from our partnership in the Barisan.

8D. It is distressing to hear discordant

attacking
 voices ~~at looking~~ the New Economic Policy.

Economic Policy
 I would like to remind the critics that the New

~~policy~~ is vital to the stability of this country.

tragic
 It was evolved following the ~~traumatic~~ events

of May 13, 1969. The turmoil of May 13 was

the outcome of a breakdown in concensus among

There was no concensus then among
 our people. *the major racial groups then on what*
was fair and just.

~~were not agreed on what were just and fair.~~

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~~This~~ situation was exploited by irresponsible

elements. When order was restored, ~~the leaders~~

political,
~~community, religious and other leaders in the country~~

~~of our people~~ consulted each other to evolve

a new strategy for the survival of the country.

It was then that the New Economic Policy

was formulated. It represents a new concensus

upon which we can build a united and stable

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nation. ~~I don't deny~~ that in the implementation

some
of the policy a ~~small number~~ of people may

have been adversely affected. Through the

consultative machinery of the Barisan Nasional,

we ~~will~~ try to resolve ~~these~~ *any* problems. *that may arise.*

9. There are naturally many areas of conflict; some have been resolved within the framework of the Barisan Nasional, while others cannot immediately be resolved, but need time, patience and the spirit of give and take. Every one of us has something to be unhappy about. Should one then succumb to one's emotion and lose all hope of the future?

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Will this help solve our problems? Through the machinery of consultations, which is inherent in the Barisan Nasional, we have been able to discuss and give due consideration to the problems and interests of all the communities. Solutions to major problems have always been the results of consultations with the leaders and representatives of political parties. The Gerakan, the UMNO, MCA, MIC and other parties, have all benefitted from this consultative machinery.

10. We have been ^{accused of} ~~criticised~~ for adopting the procedure of consultation and the spirit of

give and take, as a means to perpetuate communalism.

These critics want a Malaysian approach, and so far they have not been successful. Why?

Because they have ignored the present-day realities of our country's politics. Any approach that fails to recognise the racial imbalances and inequalities will not succeed. The Barisan Nasional recognises these hard realities too well.

No other approach can achieve what we have achieved so far. We must therefore continue with it, until such time that the people, or a majority of them, are ready to accept a new system.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

11. We achieved our independence because

of the spirit of cooperation and compromise of

the various communities. We enjoy our independence

~~prosperity~~ because of their farsightedness. The

foundations of our country's unity, peace and

prosperity were laid by the generation of Malaysians

before us. We are still a young country. Each

succeeding generation of Malaysians must continue

to build and add to the foundations. It is our

sacred
solemn duty to build our country's future. If

the present generation of Malaysians cares only

its own community,
for itself, then we shall lose the future.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

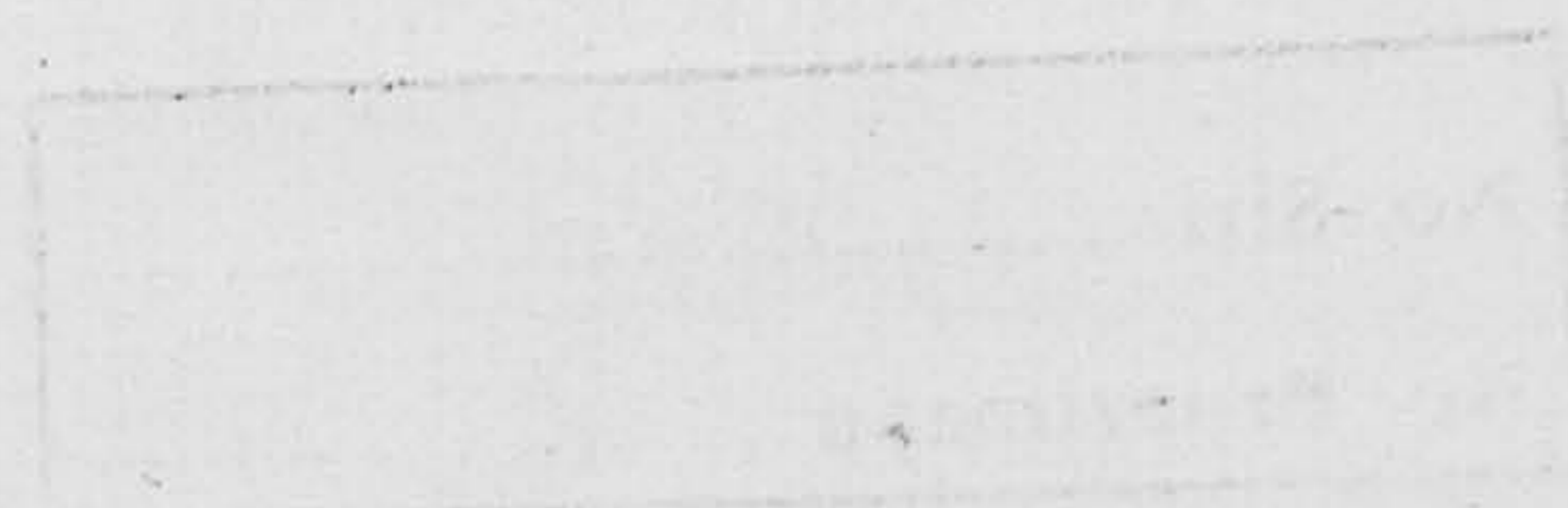
12. The Gerakan is no less important to the
Barisan Nasional than the UMNO, MCA, MIC
and the other parties. The real strength of
the Barisan Nasional lies in the collective strength
of all its component parties. Each has its role
and effectiveness. The Gerakan in its own way,
has contributed in no small measure towards
the political stability and economic development
of the country, particularly in the State of Penang.

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It is ably led, and in its President, Dr. Lim Chong Eu, I have a sincere friend and colleague, upon whom I can depend for support and advice. The same can also be said with regard to the other leaders of Gerakan. The strength and effectiveness of a political party do not depend solely upon the size of its membership. The quality of its leadership, integrity and high principles, are factors which should also be taken into account. The Gerakan does not lack all these. I am sure the Gerakan will continue to play its useful role in the Barisan Nasional. However big or small a role it plays, will undoubtedly

contribute towards the development and well-being
Ladies and gentlemen,
of our country. I now have great pleasure
in declaring open the 5th Annual General
Assembly of the Gerakan.

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