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A LOR STAR, PHU.S. —  
The problem of unemployment among Malays can only be solved by establishing agro-based industries in the rural areas.

Dr. Mahathir Mohamed said this when he addressed a meeting of leaders of the 4-B, Movement in Jitrah.

"We have the raw materials on which to base such industries which will greatly benefit the people," he said.

He called on the Government to provide facilities for investors in agro-based industries.

Dr. Mahathir explained that one of the basic reasons for Malay economic backwardness was "our reluctance to accept the new values of a modern world."

"We think it is a sin to accept interest from banks while other people use interests from banks to expand their businesses or trade."

He called on Malay youth to adjust themselves to the modern world so that they can face up to the challenges of deciding upon their own future.