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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 9 (BERNAMA) -- SENATOR DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID THAT THE MALAYS LAGGED BEHIND NOT BECAUSE OF FEUDALISM BUT BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO HUMBLE TOWARDS ADMINISTRATORS.

THE MALAYS SHOULD NOT BLAME FEUDALISM AND MUST THINK AND WORK TO OVERCOME THEIR BACKWARDNESS, HE SAID IN A FORUM ORGANISED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA MALAY LANGUAGE SOCIETY HERE LAST NIGHT. DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE MALAYS ENJOYED MANY SPECIAL PRIVILEGES.

BUT THEY DID NOT KNOW HOW TO MAKE USE OF THE PRIVILEGES AND OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED. --BERNAMA MORE 1720/MM

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A UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN LECTURER, DR. MOHAMED GHAZALI, SAID THAT NOT ALL FEUDAL SYSTEMS WERE ALIKE.

HE ADDED THAT A FEUDAL SYSTEM SHOULD BE JUDGED ACCORDING TO HOW IT WAS ENFORCED.

THE ELECTION COMMISSION SECRETARY, ENCIK HASSAN IBRAHIM, SAID THAT SOME FEUDAL SYSTEMS WERE ENFORCED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE.

UNDER SOME SUCH SYSTEMS, HE SAID, OPPORTUNITIES WERE PROVIDED TO HELP THE POOR.

A UNIVERSITY OF MALAYA LECTURER, DR. SYED HUSSEIN ALI, SAID THAT FEUDALISM AROSE WHEN A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE EXPLOIT THE REST OF THE POPULACE.

SUCH A GROUP SUPPRESS THE PEOPLE AND USE POWER TO PERPETUATE POWER, HE SAID. --BERNAMA 1725/MM