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SUNGAI PETANI, APRIL 6 <sup>75</sup> (BERNAMA)-- THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORT  
IN ENCOURAGING

FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN THIS COUNTRY HAD  
SOLVED SOME OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS, EDUCATION MINISTER DR.  
MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TONIGHT.

HE ADDED THAT THE SETTING-UP OF JOINT VENTURE FACTORIES BETWEEN  
FOREIGN AND LOCAL INVESTORS HAD CREATED JOBS FOR YOUTHS IN THE  
URBAN AND RURAL AREAS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE ALLEGATION BY THE OPPOSITION PARTIES THAT  
THE GOVERNMENT HAD +MORTGAGED+ THIS COUNTRY TO FOREIGN INVESTORS  
WAS UNTRUE.

THE MINISTER WAS SPEAKING AT A STATE BY-ELECTION RALLY FOR THE  
MERBOK CONSTITUENCY AT MERBOK TOWN, 16 MILES FROM HERE.

HE SAID WITH THE HELP OF FOREIGN INVESTMENTS THE COUNTRY HAD  
OBTAINED LARGE REVENUE WHICH HAD ENABLED THE GOVERNMENT TO  
FINANCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE.

ON THE SUGAR INDUSTRY, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS  
WILLING TO GIVE PIONEER STATUS TO ANY ENTREPRENEURS IN THIS  
COUNTRY WHO HAVE MONEY TO SET SUGAR FACTORIES. —BERNAMA  
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