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SPEAKING AT KUCHING, DR. MAHATHIR SAID MORE SCHOOLS IN SARAWAK SHOULD EXPEDITE THEIR CONVERSION TO THE BAHASA MALAYSIA MEDIUM SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE LEFT OUT OF THE MAINSTREAM OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH SOME PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE BY SCHOOLS IN CHANGING TO BAHASA MALAYSIA MEDIUM IN SARAWAK, IT WAS STILL INADEQUATE IN TERMS OF THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT AND USAGE OF BAHASA MALAYSIA IN THE COUNTRY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL FROM SIBU, DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WOULD NOT SERVE MUCH PURPOSE FOR SCHOOLS IN THE STATE TO CONTINUE BEING ENGLISH-MEDIUM BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF STUDENTS WERE NOT GOING TO REQUIRE THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS MUCH AS THEY THINK THEY SHOULD.+ -- BERNAMA 1810/A1