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P Jitra, Aug. 7 (BERNAMA) -- EDUCATION MINISTER (DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED) URGED THE PEOPLE TODAY TO STOP ASKING THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT PROJECTS WHICH WERE NOT REALLY NECESSARY.

THE COUNTRY HAD TO ECONOMISE AS FUNDS AVAILABLE WERE NOT SUFFICIENT TO MEET ALL ITS NEEDS.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED RESIDENTS FROM EIGHT KAMPUNGS AT THE KEPALA BATAS NATIONAL SCHOOL, FIVE MILES FROM HERE.

ALSO PRESENT WERE THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION FOR KEDAH ENCIK JUMAAT MOHAMED NOOR, Jitra State Assemblyman ENCIK OSMAN BIN AROFF AND KUBANG PASU ASSISTANT DISTRICT OFFICER ENCIK ABDUL WAHAD BIN BAKAR.

ON SECURITY, DR. MAHATHIR URGED THE PEOPLE TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ENSURING THE COUNTRY STAYED PEACEFUL AND SECURE.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES WERE ON THE UPSURGE AND THE PEOPLE SHOULD HELP CHECK THEM.

HE REMINDED THE PEOPLE THAT DURING THE LAST EMERGENCY, THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO SPEND MILLIONS OF RINGGIT TO FIGHT THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS. --BERNAMA 2002/LK