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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 7 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TODAY HIT OUT AT CERTAIN GROUPS WHICH HE SAID CRITICISED UMNO OPENLY THOUGH THEY HAD BENEFITTED MUCH FROM THE PARTY.

THIS WAS BECAUSE THESE GROUPS WERE STILL NOT SATISFIED WITH WHAT THEY HAD RECEIVED AND HAD FORGOTTEN THE PARTY'S DEEDS.

OPENING THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE KAMPUNG SERI MEDAN (KONGGO) UMNO BRANCH HERE, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GROUPS HAD FORGOTTEN THE GOOD DEEDS OF UMNO IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BETTER THEIR OWN INTERESTS.

HE REMINDED THEM TO BE HAPPY WITH WHAT THEY HAD RECEIVED AND ADVISED THEM TO STRIVE TOWARDS STRENGTHENING UMNO.

DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THE WORK OF THESE GROUPS, IF ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, WOULD CAUSE A SPLIT IN THE PARTY.

+FURTHERMORE, THEY SHOULD REALISE THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF UMNO WAS NOT ONLY TOWARDS THEM BUT ALSO TO THE POOR AND SUFFERING,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1517/ZCM

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THESE GROUPS SHOULD PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE POOR PEOPLE TO BENEFIT FROM THE WORK OF UMNO.

HE URGED BUMIPUTRAS, ESPECIALLY THE YOUTHS, TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE AND ADAPT THEMSELVES TO THE CHANGES OCCURRING IN THE COUNTRY.

THE BUMIPUTRAS, HE SAID, SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN EFFORTS TO ADVANCE THEMSELVES.

WITHOUT SUCH PREPARATION, BUMIPUTRAS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENJOY THE AID AND PROGRAMMES BEING IMPLEMENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RAISE THEIR STANDARD OF LIVING, HE ADDED.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS NEW ATTITUDE SHOULD BE INSTILLED IN THE YOUNG GENERATION TO ENABLE THEM PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAMMES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1525/ZCM

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THE MINISTER SAID ALL GOVERNMENT AID AND PROGRAMMES TO RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF BUMIPUTRAS WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IF THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE THEM SUCCEED.

ON THE VILLAGE DR. MAHATHIR PROMISED TO CHANNEL ALL PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY HOUSING, TO THE AUTHORITIES.

HOWEVER, HE STRESSED THAT ALL AID TO THE SQUATTER VILLAGE SHOULD BE MADE SYSTEMATICALLY AND NOT ON AN ADHOC OR A SHORT-TERM BASIS.

WITHOUT SUCH PLANNING, PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE WOULD NOT BE SYSTEMATIC AND WOULD CREATE VARIOUS OTHER PROBLEMS.

EARLIER, THE HEAD OF THE SUNGAI BESI UMNO DIVISION, RAJA OTHMAN BIN RAJA JAAFAR, PLEDGED TO STAND FIRMLY BEHIND THE NEW CABINET IN ITS EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY. --BERNAMA MMORE 1535/MD

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DR. MAHATHIR WAS GREETED ON ARRIVAL BY MORE THAN 1,000 VILLAGERS.

HE WAS TAKEN TO THE VILLAGE IN A PROCESSION MADE UP OF A KOMPANG GROUP, PEOPLE BEARING BUNGA MANGGAR AND MEMBERS OF THE SILAT LINCAH.

AFTER WATCHING A SILAT DEMONSTRATION, DR. MAHATHIR VISITED A BATIK COTTAGE INDUSTRY OWNED BY A VILLAGER, THERE. -- BERNAMA 1535 YF