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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 13 (BERNAMA) — DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TONIGHT THAT A SOCIETY NEEDED BOTH THE RICH AND THE POOR BECAUSE IT WOULD BE A CONTRADICTION TO HAVE ONLY RICH PEOPLE.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER FOR THE ACADEMIC STAFF OF UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN SCIENCE FACULTY HERE, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT THE ULTIMATE RESULT OF EQUAL WEALTH FOR EVERYONE WITHIN A SOCIETY WAS POVERTY.

HE ADDED THAT THIS CONTRADICTION WAS STILL NOT UNDERSTOOD BY THE SOCIALIST GROUP WITHIN MALAYSIA.

+IN OUR SOCIETY, IT IS NECESSARY TO HAVE BOTH THE RICH AND THE POOR BECAUSE THOSE WHO ARE WEALTHY PROVIDE BENEFITS TO THOSE WHO ARE POOR AND TO THE COUNTRY,+ HE SAID.

REVENUE COULD BE OBTAINED FROM THE RICH TO BE USED TO GIVE SOCIAL SERVICES LIKE SCHOOLS AND ROADS. --BERNAMA 0007/LK

PLEASE READ THIRD PARA ... HE ADDED THAT THIS (RPT) THIS CONTRADICTION ...

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ON THE PROGRESS OF UNIVERSITI KEBANGSAAN, DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT HAD SUCCEEDED AS THE FIRST UNIVERSITY TO USE BAHASA MALAYSIA ALTHOUGH A CERTAIN GROUP HAD ONCE THOUGHT IT IMPOSSIBLE.

THERE HAVE BEEN GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY WHO WENT ABROAD TO FURTHER THEIR STUDIES, HE SAID.

THE UNIVERSITY VICE CHANCELLOR, DATUK DR. ANUWAR MAHMUD, SAID THE UNIVERSITY WOULD START A DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL STUDIES IN THE 1976/77 SESSION. --BERNAMA 0016/LK