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KEMAMAN, MAY 5 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS TOOK INTO CONSIDERATION ITS ABILITY TO REPAY BEFORE BORROWING ABROAD.

THE LOANS WERE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO BENEFIT THE PEOPLE AND NOT TO BURDEN THEM, HE TOLD A BARISAN NASIONAL RALLY HERE TONIGHT IN SUPPORT OF THE PARTY'S CANDIDATE IN THE KEMAMAN BY-ELECTION.

HE SAID MALAYSIA A ABILITY TO REPAY THE LOANS WAS THE GUARANTEE AND BASIS FOR THE LENDER-NATIONS' CONFIDENCE IN THIS COUNTRY.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS TOOK TIME AND IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR ALL TO BENEFIT DIRECTLY.

SOME WOULD ENJOY INDIRECT BENEFITS, HE ADDED.

HE ADVISED VOTERS IN KEMAMAN NOT TO BE EASILY INFLUENCED BY THE PROPAGANDA OF PEOPLE WHO ONLY WANTED TO STIR THEIR ANGER BY SMEARING THE GOVERNMENT. -- BERNAMA MORE 0014/A1

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HE URGED THE ELECTORATE IN THE CONSTITUENCY TO VOTE WISELY IN ORDER TO CHOOSE A SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE DATUK HAJI WAN KADIR ISMAIL.

EARLIER, AT ANOTHER RALLY AT AIR PUTEH, 20 MILES FROM HERE, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE PSRM CANDIDATE, ENCIK KASSIM AHMAD, MIGHT BE

RETURNED IN THE BY-ELECTION, BUT THIS WOULD NOT ADVERSELY AFFECT THE GOVERNMENT. 137

THE ONLY LOSERS WOULD BE THE PEOPLE IN THE CONSTITUENCY, HE SAID.

HE SAID THE BY-ELECTION WAS BEING HELD BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT UPHELD THE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLE AND LEFT THE CHOICE TO THE PEOPLE.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PERMITTED THE PSRM TO CONTEST, HE SAID, AND ADDED: +DOES THIS SHOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS SUPPRESSING THE PEOPLE'S FREEDOM AS CLAIMED BY THE PSRM CANDIDATE IN THE PARTY'S RALLIES.+ -- BERNAMA 0017/A1