

MALACCA, MAY 7 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED) SPOKE TODAY OF THE NEED TO STUDY PLANS MORE CAREFULLY WHEN IMPLEMENTING GOVERNMENT SCHEMES.

HE SAID THAT THIS WAS TO ENSURE THAT SUCH SCHEMES BRING BETTER RETURNS -- BOTH SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC.

SOME OF THE PREVIOUS SCHEMES WERE TOP-HEAVY AND HAD NOT BROUGHT THE DESIRED RESULTS.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS HERE, DR. MAHATHIR SAID GOVERNMENT PROJECTS SHOULD NOT BE JUDGED PURELY BY FINANCIAL RETURNS BUT ALSO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS.

+WE MAY LOSE MONEY ON SOMETHING BUT IF WE CAN GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO PEOPLE AND BETTER THEIR STANDARDS OF LIVING IT IS ALRIGHT WITH THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE ADDED. -- BERNAMA MORE 1807/LK

91:

MAHATHIR-SCHEMES 2 MALACCA

ON DEVELOPMENT P PROBLEM IN MALACCA THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS WAS NOT THE QUESTION OF FUNDS BUT MORE A QUESTION OF COMPACTNESS OF THE STATE WITH MUCH LAND BEING OCCUPIED.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE STATE GOVERNMENT MUST TRY TO INCREASE INVESTMENT IN ORDER TO CREATE MORE REVENUE AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

HOWEVER, HE REMINDED THAT THE PEOPLE IN MALACCA MUST BE PREPARED TO WORK IN FACTORIES INSTEAD OF TRYING TO CLING TO LAND WHICH WERE GETTING SCARCER.

HE SAID INDUSTRIALISATION WOULD HAVE NO MEANING IF PEOPLE FROM OTHER STATES HAD TO BE BROUGHT TO MALACCA TO FILL THE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF THE STATE. -- BERNAMA 1811/LK