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ALOR STAR, MAY 27 (BERNAMA)-- ALLOCATIONS WILL BE MADE UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN TO HELP THE URBAN POOR FROM ALL RACES, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED ANNOUNCED TODAY.

HE SAID ASSISTANCE WOULD BE GIVEN TO HAWKERS IN THE FORM OF CAPITAL AND PROPER PLACES TO PLAY THEIR TRADE.

HE SAID THIS AFTER BEING BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN KEDAH AT WISMA NEGERI HERE.

ALSO PRESENT WAS THE MENTRI BESAR, DATO SRI SYED AHMAD SHAHARUDDIN.

DR. MAHATHIR TOLD GOVERNMENT OFFICERS NOT TO CONSIDER THEIR WORK ON DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AS A NORMAL DUTY.

THEY SHOULD VIEWED IT A MATTER OF PRIDE THAT THEY WERE CONTRIBUTING MEANINGFULLY TOWARDS NATIONAL PROGRESS.

THIS MEANT THAT THEY MUST SACRIFICE AND RE-ORIENTATE THEIR ATTITUDE. --BERNAMA MORE 1946/MD

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DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO IMPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION MACHINERY, TO MAKE IT MORE EFFICIENT, SO THAT THE LARGE SUMS SPENT ON DEVELOPMENT COULD PRODUCE MAXIMUM BENEFITS.

ON KEDAH, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID IT WAS A FRONTIER STATE AND WAS FACING A DIRECT COMMUNIST THREAT.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE WAS NOT ONLY VITAL TO ITSELF BUT ALSO TO THE NATION.

THE SECURITY ASPECT OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION, HE SAID. --BERNAMA 1948/MD