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JOHORE BAHRU, JUNE 29 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AS MUCH EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AS POSSIBLE ALTHOUGH A LARGE SUM IS ALLOCATED TO FIGHT COMMUNIST AND SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS NOW THREATENING THE COUNTRY, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED SAID TODAY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS WAS BECAUSE EDUCATION WAS AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON TO MAINTAIN THE COUNTRY'S STRENGTH.

OPENING THE SEKOLAH MENENGAH TEKNIK HERE, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE COUNTRY NEEDED MUCH MONEY IN ITS ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST THE COMMUNIST AND SUBVERSIVE ELEMENTS.

+THIS MEANS THAT PART OF THE FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT MIGHT HAVE TO BE REDUCED IF THE SITUATION DEMANDS IT. IF THIS HAPPENS, THE PEOPLE WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED DUE TO A REDUCED PACE OF DEVELOPMENT.+ -- BERNAMA MORE 1637/A1

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HE CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING PRIORITY TO THE SECURITY PROBLEM.

+IF THERE IS NO SECURITY, EVEN THE BEST SCHOOL WOULD BE OF NO USE BECAUSE THEY CANNOT BE USED AND AS A RESULT, EDUCATION WOULD BE DISRUPTED.+

DR MAHATHIR ALSO SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR STUDENTS TO UNDERSTAND CLEARLY THE DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT TO ENABLE THEM TO LIVE IN FREEDOM AND PROSPERITY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1642/A1

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HE HOPED TO SEE MORE STUDENTS FROM THE AGRICULTURAL AREAS AND LESS DEVELOPED AREAS RECEIVE THE BASIC KNOWLEDGE NEEDED TO ENTER BUSINESS.

IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS KNOWLEDGE, THE GOVERNMENT HAD INCLUDED IT IN THE CURRICULUM OF SOME SECONDARY TECHNICAL AND AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS SINCE 1973. IT WOULD BE INTENSIFIED IN OTHER SECONDARY SCHOOLS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND LESS-DEVELOPED AREAS.

DR MAHATHIR ALSO TOUCHED ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND MORAL EDUCATION AND SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT BECAUSE MATERIAL DEVELOPMENT ALONE COULD NOT ENSURE A HAPPY LIFE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1644/A1

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IN PROVIDING RELIGIOUS AND MORAL TEACHINGS, THE EDUCATION MINISTRY NEEDED THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE PARENTS. THE NEW SCHOOL OPENED BY DR. MAHATHIR IS ONE OF NINE SUCH SCHOOLS IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

THE SCHOOL WAS BUILT WITH A LOAN OF \$1.9 MILLION FROM THE WORLD BANK. -- BERNAMA 1646/A1

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