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KUANTAN, JULY 9 (BERNAMA)-- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED IS SATISFIED WITH THE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN SECURITY FORCES AND CIVILIANS IN MEETING THE COMMUNIST THREATS IN PAHANG.

HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE TODAY THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO DONE A GOOD JOB IN ENSURING THE PROGRESS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS EARLIER BRIEFED ON THE SECURITY SITUATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS IN THE STATE.

HE CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR UNITY AND WORK TOGETHER IN EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS.

HE URGED THEM TO +THROW AWAY+ THE BELIEF THAT POVERTY WOULD BREED COMMUNISM.

THE MUSLIMS, HE SAID, WOULD NEVER GIVE UP THEIR RELIGION EVENTHOUGH THEY WERE POOR. --BERNAMA MORE 2146/MD

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ON THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID IT WAS NOT THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING FULL SATISFACTION TO THE PEOPLE +BY FILLING THEIR POCKETS WITH MONEY.+ THE PLAN WAS AIMED AT BRINGING SATISFACTION THROUGH INCREASED JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND FACILITIES IN VARIOUS FIELDS, INCLUDING EDUCATION AND HEALTH.

TONIGHT DR. MAHATHIR AND HIS WIFE, DR. SITI HASMAH, WERE ENTERTAINED TO DINNER AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE MENTRI BESAR. LATER THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER HAD A CLOSED DOOR SESSION WITH BARISAN NASIONAL LEADERS AND MEMBERS. -- BERNAMA 2155/ZCM

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SPEAKING AT THE DINNER DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO SEND ITS OFFICERS TO HELP STATE GOVERNMENTS IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IF NECESSARY.

HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE MUST BE PATIENCE AS IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT ALL THE PROJECTS IMMEDIATELY.

HE SAID IN MAKING THE ALLOCATIONS FOR THE THIRD PLAN, THE GOVERNMENT DID FAVOUR ANY PARTICULAR STATE.

DR. MAHATHIR HOPED THAT THE PAHANG GOVERNMENT WOULD OPEN IT DOOR FOR PEOPLE FROM OTHER STATES TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. -- BERNAMA 2316/LK