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KOTA BHARU, FEB. 19 (BERNAMA)-THE COMMITTEE ON BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN THE ECONOMY WILL HOLD ITS FIRST MEETING NEXT MONTH TO BE ATTENDED BY ALL MENTRIS BESAR AND CHIEF MINISTERS.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE, SAID TODAY THE COMMITTEE WANTED TO GET A PICTURE OF BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

HE SAID HE WAS DISSATISFIED WITH THE SUCCESS SO FAR OF BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN WHO HAD EVERY HELP LIKE CAPITAL AND CREDIT AID FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN HAD STILL TO ACHIEVE THE LEVEL OF SUCCESS OF THEIR NON-BUMIPUTRA COUNTERPARTS.

HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE STATE OPERATIONS ROOM HERE THAT THEY NEEDED TRAINING AND GUIDANCE TO KEEP UP WITH THEIR OTHER BUSINESS RIVALS.

EARLIER DR. MAHATHIR WAS BRIEFED ON DEVELOPMENT AND SECURITY PROGRAMMES IN KELANTAN BY CHIEF MINISTER DATUK MOHAMED NASIR AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS. -- BERNAMA MORE HM 1907

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HE WAS TOLD THAT KELANTAN'S BIGGEST PROBLEM IN DEVELOPMENT WAS THE SHORTAGE OF NECESSARY MANPOWER PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURE AND ENGINEERING.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID STUDIES ON HOW TO DEVELOP THE ULU KELANTAN AREA WERE AMBIGUOUS.

HE HOPED THAT WHEN THE ROAD FROM GUA MUSANG TO KUALA LIPIS WAS COMPLETED BY 1982, DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA WOULD BE SPEEDED UP.

HE SAID THE EAST-WEST HIGHWAY WHICH WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED WOULD FACILITATE ROAD COMMUNICATION TO THE WEST COAST ESPECIALLY TO PENANG AND OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF LACK OF PORT FACILITIES IN KELANTAN.

ON SECURITY IN THE STATE, DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THE GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN EVERY MEASURE AGAINST ACTIVITIES HARMFUL TO NATIONAL SECURITY.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THE COMMUNISTS WOULD NEVER SUCCEED IN TAKING OVER THE COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA MORE HM 1912

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EARLIER WHEN OPENING THE KELANTAN UMNO SEMINAR AT THE SULTAN ISMAIL COLLEGE HALL HERE, DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THE POWER THAT RESIDED WITHIN UMNO COULD DETERMINE THE COURSE OF POLITICS IN THE COUNTRY.

THE FUTURE OF THE MALAYS DEPENDED ON THIS POWER.

IF UMNO, WHICH WAS THE BACKBONE OF THE GOVERNMENT, BECAME WEAK, GROUPS WHICH HAD BEEN WAITING FOR JUST SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY WOULD TAKE OVER TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S INTERESTS.

THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY WOULD ALSO SUFFER AS A RESULT.

HE URGED UMNO MEMBERS TO REINFORCE THE POSITION OF THE PARTY AND NOT TO BE TAKEN IN BY A SMALL GROUP IN THE PARTY WHO WERE TRYING TO DIVIDE THEM FOR THEIR OWN ENDS. -- BERNAMA MORE HM

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THIS MORNING THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE WERE RECEIVED ON ARRIVAL AT THE PENGKALAN CHEPA AIRPORT BY MENTRI BESAR DATUK HAJI MOHAMED NASIR, STATE ASSEMBLYMEN AND ABOUT 5,000 SUPPORTERS.

DR. MAHATHIR ADDRESSED THE CROWD AT THE AIRPORT AND SAID HE WAS VERY TOUCHED BY THEIR WELCOME.

HE SAID THIS UNDERScoreD THE UNDERSTANDING AND SOLIDARITY AMONG THE PEOPLE, AND HOPED TO FOSTER CLOSER TIES WITH THE PEOPLE OF KELANTAN AND OVERCOME THEIR PROBLEMS TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY. --
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