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KUALA LUMPUR, MAR. 5 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT WILL REVIEW THE PAYMENT OF PENSION TO ENABLE PENSIONERS TO ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE REPORT.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THIS WHEN HE OPENED THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MALAYSIAN EX-POLIKMEN ASSOCIATION HERE TODAY.

HE SAID ALTHOUGH THE REPORT DID NOT TOUCH ON THE PAYMENT OF PENSION, THE GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO REVIEW THE MATTER SO THAT PENSIONERS WOULD NOT BE LEFT OUT WHEN THE REPORT WAS IMPLEMENTED.

EARLIER, THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION, RAJA ADNAN BIN RAJA ABDULLAH, APPEALED TO THE GOVERNMENT TO REVIEW THE PENSION OF EX-POLICEMEN. --BERNAMA MORE 1323/BY

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RAJA ADNAN IN HIS SPEECH TOUCHED ON THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE ASSOCIATION IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY CITIZEN AND IT COULD NOT BE MEASURED BY PAYMENTS OR SALARIES RECEIVED.

HE SAID THE \$10,000 COMPENSATION PAID TO WIDOWS OF POLICEMEN KILLED WHILE ON DUTY SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS PAYMENT FOR DAMAGES.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER URGED EX-POLICEMEN TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP IN MAINTAINING SECURITY IN THEIR AREAS. --BERNAMA MORE 1358/BY

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DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE COUNTRY WAS NOW FACING TWO BIG PROBLEMS, THAT OF ACHIEVING RAPID ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND THE QUESTION OF SECURITY.

THE TWO WERE INTERRELATED AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE GIVEN ALL ATTENTION.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALSO URGED STATE GOVERNMENTS AND STATUTORY BODIES INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO EX-POLICE PERSONNEL WHO WERE INTERESTED IN AGRICULTURAL WORK.

WITH SUCH ASSISTANCE AND FACILITIES WOULD HELP THEM ACHIEVE SUCCESS AND IMPROVE THEIR LIVING STANDARD, HE ADDED. --BERNAMA