

MAHATHIR - TRADERS

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KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 22 (BERNAMA) -- EXTRAVAGANCE, FALSE PRIDE AND LACK OF MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN CITED BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMD, AS THE MAIN CAUSES FOR THE FAILURE OF SOME BUMIPUTRA TRADERS.

HE SAID NO AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT COULD MAKE THEM PROGRESS IN BUSINESS IF DID NOT CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE +AND FACE THE FACTS.+

SPEAKING AT A DINNER ORGANISED BY THE FEDERAL TERRITORY BRANCH OF THE MALAYSIAN MALAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY HERE TONIGHT, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS PREPARED TO ACCEPT CRITICISMS SO LONG AS THEY WERE CONSTRUCTIVE.

HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND ASSISTANCE ALONE WOULD NOT GUARANTEE THE SUCCESS OF THE BUMIPUTRA TRADERS.

+THEY TOO MUST BE PREPARED TO ACCEPT CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISMS AND AMEND THEIR WAYS,+ HE ADDED.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ADVISED THE TRADERS NOT TO MAKE USE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO CRITICISE THE GOVERNMENT TO COVER-UP THEIR FAILURES. -- BERNAMA 2100/ZCM