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BALING, MAY 3 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED URGED THE PEOPLE TODAY TO WORK TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY TO ENSURE RAPID DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS.

HE ALSO CALLED ON ALL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND THE PEOPLE TO COOPERATE IN ALL FIELDS, ESPECIALLY IN DEVELOPMENT.

DR. MAHATHIR MADE THIS CALL AFTER ATTENDING A SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT BRIEFING AT THE DISTRICT OPERATIONS ROOM HERE.

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS SHOULD HAVE CLOSE RAPPORT WITH THE PEOPLE BY HOLDING REGULAR DIALOGUES TO LEARN OF THEIR PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES AND TO FIND WAYS TO SOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS.

HE ADDED THAT THOUGH ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS MIGHT DIFFER IN THEIR VIEWS, THEY SHOULD SET ASIDE SUCH DIFFERENCES AND COOPERATE TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WERE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT. -- BERNAMA MORE 1342 YF

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LATER, OPENING THE NEW \$413,000 SEKOLAH MENENGAH TUNKU PUTRA HERE, DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO EDUCATION MINISTER, URGED TEACHERS AND PARENTS TO WATCH THE MOVEMENTS OF THEIR CHILDREN TO PREVENT THEM FROM FALLING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS.

HE SAID SCHOOL LEAVERS COULD EASILY FALL PREY TO DRUG PUSHERS, ANTI-NATIONAL AND COMMUNIST ELEMENTS. -- BERNAMA 1350/YF
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AT A MEETING WITH PARISAN NASIONAL MEMBERS, DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE PARISAN NASIONAL PATTERN OF GOVERNMENT WAS THE BEST FOR THE COUNTRY, NOW AND FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

THIS GOVERNMENT WAS FAIR BECAUSE IT SERVED ALL RACES AND, ALTHOUGH IT COULD NOT PLEASE EVERYONE, IT WAS STILL BETTER AND MORE JUST THAN OTHER FORMS OF GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

+WE MUST THEREFORE MAINTAIN OUR UNITY AND STRENGTH IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE AND SECURITY,+ HE TOLD THE GATHERING. -- BERNAMA