

MAHATHIR - TAXES

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LABUAN, MAY 14 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT LEVIED HEAVY TAXES ON PRIMARY PRODUCTS LIKE OIL AND TIMBER TO ACHIEVE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME AND TO ATTAIN A JUST SOCIETY, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID HERE TODAY.

ADDRESSING RESIDENTS OF KAMPUNG PUHON BATU, ABOUT SEVEN MILES FROM THE TOWN CENTRE, HE SAID WITH THE ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM THESE HIGH TAXES, WHICH IN SOME CASES AMOUNTED TO 50 PER CENT, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE UNFORTUNATE SECTION OF THE POPULATION.

HE HOPED THAT THOSE WHO PAID HIGH TAXES REALISED THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVES.

DR. MAHATHIR WAS HAPPY TO NOTE THAT THERE WAS NO FEELING OF DIVISION BETWEEN MALAYSIANS IN SABAH AND THOSE OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

HE STRESSED THAT THE GOVERNMENT DREW UP A SYSTEMATIC PROGRAMME NOT ONLY FOR DEVELOPMENT BUT ALSO TO STRENGTHEN UNITY AMONG THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1622/A1

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THIS, HE SAID, HAD BROUGHT ABOUT A FEELING OF NATIONHOOD AMONG ALL MALAYSIANS IN A SHORT PERIOD OF 13 YEARS.

DR. MAHATHIR URGED MALAYSIANS IN SABAH TO SUPPORT THE STATE GOVERNMENT IN ITS EFFORTS TO BRING GREATER PROGRESS.

IT WAS THE OBJECTIVE OF BOTH THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS AIMED AT GIVING THE PEOPLE A BETTER LIVELIHOOD.

DR. MAHATHIR AND HIS ENTOURAGE WERE GIVEN A WARM WELCOME WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE KAMPUNG.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LABUAN TOWN BOARD, HAJI MOHD. DIN JAAFAR, PRESENTED SOUVENIRS TO DR. MAHATHIR AND HIS WIFE DR. SITI HASMAH, ON BEHALF OF THE LABUAN COMMUNITY.

AMONG THE PROJECTS WHICH DR. MAHATHIR VISITED TODAY WERE AN ORCHID FARM, THE SABAH SHIPYARD, THE SYARIKAT JAYADIRI AND THE SABAH SHELL TERMINAL. -- BERNAMA 1625/A1