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KOTA BAHARU, AUG. 4 (BERNAMA) — THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO THINK OF THE INTEREST OF FARMERS, FISHERMEN AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED IN THE KAMPUNGS IN CONSIDERING THE DEMANDS BY TRADE UNIONS, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT MEET ALL THE DEMANDS BECAUSE THE ABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT WAS LIMITED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS IN A SPEECH READ BY HIS POLITICAL SECRETARY, MEGAT JUNID AYUB, WHEN OPENING OF THE ANNUAL DELEGATES MEETING OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF COLLEGE DAY TRAINING CENTRE TRAINED TEACHERS PENINSULAR MALAYSIA HERE.

DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO EDUCATION MINISTER, SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT STOP THE UNIONS FROM MAKING DEMANDS IN THE INTEREST OF THEIR MEMBERS BECAUSE THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAW OF THE COUNTRY ENSURED THE RIGHTS OF EVERY WORKERS.

HE ADDED TEACHERS UNIONS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE BESIDES THE PARENTS IN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION.

HISTORY HAD SHOWN THE ROLE PLAYED BY TEACHERS UNIONS TO UPHOLD THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE MALAY LANGUAGE. TEACHERS UNIONS ALSO HAD CONTRIBUTED MUCH AND ASSISTED IN THE FORMULATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY AND IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. —BERNAMA MORE 1639, BY

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DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR SAID EDUCATION IN THIS AGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAD UNDERGONE RAPID CHANGES. AS A RESULT WHAT WAS LEARNT NOW MIGHT NOT BE SUITABLE IN THE FUTURE.

EDUCATION DID NOT ONLY MEAN THE DISTRIBUTION AND MEMORISING OF KNOWLEDGE. ONE SHOULD TRAIN ONESELF TO ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE ON HIS OWN.

+WE LEARN IN ORDER TO KNOW SOMETHING NEW BECAUSE IF WE KNOW HOW TO DO IT, IT WILL BE EASIER TO ADAPT OURSELVES IN FACING THE FUTURE RAPID EXPANSION OF KNOWLEDGE, +DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID.

HE STRESSED THAT THE FUTURE OF THE NATION DEPENDED ON THE PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND IN THIS RESPECT TEACHERS' UNIONS COULD PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE. —BERNAMA 1645/BY