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KOTA BHARU, MARCH 8 (BERNAMA) — THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TODAY PAS WAS A NEGATIVE PARTY WHICH HAD NEVER FULFILLED ITS PROMISES.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS ON HIS ARRIVAL HERE FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT TO KELANTAN.

ON PAS' MANIFESTO WHICH STRESSED ON MAINTAINING CORDIAL TIES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, HE ADDED THAT THIS WAS +ONLY TALK.+

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ADDED THAT WHEN PAS WAS IN THE BARISAN, IT HAD NEVER CONSULTED THE OTHER COMPONENT PARTIES ON ANYTHING.

HE REFUTED ALLEGATIONS THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD WITHDRAW AID TO KELANTAN, INCLUDING ALLOCATIONS APPROVED UNDER THE THIRD MALAYSIA PLAN, IF ANY PARTY OTHER THAN THE BARISAN NASIONAL CAME INTO POWER IN THE STATE. — BERNAMA MORE 1832/A1

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+WE WILL NOT HOLD BACK AID,+ HE STRESSED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO BN DEPUTY CHAIRMAN AND UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, ADDED THAT BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCES, IT WAS EVIDENT THAT WHEN A GOVERNMENT WAS RUN BY THOSE WHO PUT SELF-INTEREST ABOVE ALL ELSE, DEVELOPMENT COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED EVEN WITH AID FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

HE STRESSED THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOCATED \$1,000 MILLION FOR THE STATE'S DEVELOPMENT, BUT THE PROJECTS HAD NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED OWING TO POLITICKING WITHIN THE PARTY RULING THE STATE GOVERNMENT.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, WHO ARRIVED IN A SPECIAL RMAF AIRCRAFT, WAS RECEIVED BY MENTERI BESAR DATUK MOHAMAD NASIR AND BN LEADERS.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE MINISTER OF FINANCE, TENGKU RAZALEIGH HANZAH AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, DATUK LIEW SIP HON. — BERNAMA 1836/A1