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BACHOK, MARCH 9 (BERNAMA) — THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, DENIED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD NEGLECTED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS.

HE SAID RELIGION WAS BEING GIVEN EQUAL ATTENTION AS ANY OTHER SUBJECT IN BOTH PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

THE MINISTER WAS OPENING THE JELAWAT SECONDARY SCHOOL NEAR HERE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS DETERMINED TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF EDUCATION IN THE COUNTRY.

THE PEOPLE ON THEIR PART SHOULD MAKE FULL USE OF THE FACILITIES TO EDUCATE THEIR CHILDREN. HE ADDED. — BERNAMA MORE 1844/LK

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DATUK MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD TRY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE.

AT TIMES THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO BORROW MONEY FROM VARIOUS SOURCES TO FULFIL ITS PROMISES.

SUCH LOANS WOULD NOT BE A BURDEN TO THE PEOPLE AS THE REPAYMENTS WERE MADE FROM TAXES COLLECTED FROM THE RICH.

SOME RICH PEOPLE WERE PAYING AS MUCH TAX AS 55 PER CENT OF THEIR INCOMES.

DATUK MAHATHIR WAS ACCORDED A TRADITIONAL WELCOME WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE SCHOOL. — BERNAMA 1848/LK

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