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ALOR STAR, MARCH 25 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, REMINDED DISTRICT OFFICERS TODAY TO BE FULLY RESPONSIBLE IN THEIR WORK SO AS TO HELP SPEED UP THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN THE COUNTRY.

THEY SHOULD FOSTER GOOD TIES WITH THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR AREAS, HE ADDED WHEN OPENING A CIVICS COURSE AT KAMPUNG DARAT, CHANGLON, 27 MILES FROM HERE.

HE STRESSED IT WAS THE DUTY OF DISTRICT OFFICERS TO ACT ON COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS OF THE PEOPLE.

THEY SHOULD BRING UP THESE COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS TO THE GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY THOSE RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF INFRASTRUCTURAL PROJECTS LIKE WATER SUPPLY AND ROADS.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD IN THIS WAY GET TO KNOW THE PROBLEMS OF THE RESIDENTS OF EACH LOCALITY AND TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO HELP THEM. — BERNAMA MORE 1713/ZCM
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DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR KUBANG PASU, SAID THIS SYSTEM WAS A GOOD WAY OF BRINGING THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT CLOSER TOGETHER.

IT SHOULD BE MAINTAINED TO BRING ABOUT GREATER PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF DEVELOPMENT.

HE ASSURED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CARRY OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THE RURAL AREAS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER POINTED OUT THE COUNTRY HAD ACHIEVED TREMENDOUS PROGRESS IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH SINCE INDEPENDENCE NEARLY 21 YEARS AGO.

THE GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY PROVIDED MORE PRIMARY SCHOOLS BUT ALSO BUILT SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ALL AREAS IN THE COUNTRY TO GIVE THE YOUNG THE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER THEIR EDUCATION AT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING. — BERNAMA MORE 1717/ZCM

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CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTRES WERE ESTABLISHED IN RURAL AREAS WHILE DAMS AND IRRIGATION CANALS WERE BUILT IN PADI AREAS TO ENABLE DOUBLE-CROPPING OF PADI WHICH HELPED EARNED HIGHER INCOME FOR FARMERS.

LATER, SPEAKING AT A MEETING WITH RESIDENTS OF KAMPUNG SETOL NEAR TUNJANG, 18 MILES FROM HERE, DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR SAID DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WERE FINANCED BY VARIOUS FORMS OF TAXES.

ACCORDING TO HIM, TAXES TOTALLING \$4,000 MILLION WERE COLLECTED FROM THE +HAYES+ IN TOWNS TO FINANCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IN RURAL AREAS.

HE SAID THE MONEY WAS SPENT WITHOUT ANY OPPOSITION FROM THESE TAX-PAYERS AND HE URGED THE RURAL PEOPLE TO APPRECIATE THEIR CONTRIBUTION. — BERNAMA 1718/ZCM