

MAHATHIR-DRUGS

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ALOR STAR, JUNE 17 (BERNAMA) — THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, WARNED TODAY THAT THE NATION WOULD BE DESTROYED IF THE DRUG PROBLEM WAS NOT SOLVED IMMEDIATELY.

HE SAID THIS WHEN OPENING A FORUM ON THE DANGER OF DRUGS TO SOCIETY AT STADIUM DATUK SYED OMAR HERE.

HE SAID THAT IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT BETWEEN 150,000 AND 200,000 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY FROM VARIOUS STRATA OF SOCIETY WERE INVOLVED IN DRUG ABUSE.

UNLESS THE PROBLEM WAS CHECKED IMMEDIATELY, IT WOULD BECOME WORSE, HE ADDED.

HE REITERATED THAT THE BATTLE AGAINST DRUG ABUSE WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF NOT ONLY THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO OF THE PEOPLE.

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EVERYONE SHOULD PLAY THEIR ROLE TO ENSURE THAT MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY WERE NOT INVOLVED IN DRUG ABUSE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD REGARD DRUG ABUSE AS A SOCIAL PROBLEM BECAUSE IT WOULD NOT ONLY RUIN THE LIVES OF THE ADDICTS BUT ALSO AFFECT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. —BERNAMA 1934/BY