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KUALA TRENGGANU, JULY 1 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) STRESSED TODAY THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO ENSURE THAT ALL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WERE CARRIED OUT SMOOTHLY IN ALL STATES.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE DID NOT LIKE TO SEE MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS BECAUSE THIS COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT DEVELOPMENT IN THE STATE.

OPENING THE WISMA PERSEKUTUAN HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT DUE TO THE COOPERATION EXISTING BETWEEN THE TRENGGANU STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, VARIOUS INDUSTRIES AND BUSINESSES HAD BEEN CHANELLED TO THE STATE.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE NOW ENJOYED VARIOUS AMENITIES BECAUSE THE GOVERNMENT HAD ADMINISTERED THE COUNTRY EFFECTIVELY. THE COUNTRY HAD PROGRESSED BECAUSE THE PEOPLE WANTED PROGRESS AS THEY HAD WANTED STABILITY AND A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT AS IT EXISTED TODAY.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, WHETHER THAT EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE WOULD DEPEND ON THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES. — BERNAMA MORE

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IF THEY CHOSE WISELY, THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY SUCH AMENITIES. OTHERWISE THE RESULT MIGHT BE BACKWARDNESS, HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT PETRO-BASED INDUSTRIES WOULD BE LOCATED IN TRENGGANU BECAUSE OF THE PROMIXITY OF THE RESOURCES WITH THE STATE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT AS A FEDERATION, THE BENEFITS FROM ONE SECTION WOULD ALSO BE ENJOYED BY OTHERS.

HE SAID THAT WITH THE PRESENCE OF OIL IN TRENGGANU, THE STATE MIGHT NOT NEED FINANCIAL AID FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LIKE BEFORE, BUT IT REQUIRED VARIOUS OTHER TYPES OF ASSISTANCE.

TRENGGANU WOULD ALSO CHANNEL ITS ENERGY RESOURCES TO THE OTHER STATES WHICH WERE LESS WELL-ENDOWED.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE GAS ESCAPING FROM THE TRENGGANU WATERS WHICH WERE NOW WASTED COULD BE USED TO PRODUCE ELECTRICITY TO BE CHANELLED TO OTHER STATES THAT NEEDED THE ENERGY. — BERNAMA MORE 2025/YF

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EARLIER, IN OPENING THE KUALA TRENGGANU MARA JUNIOR SCIENCE COLLEGE, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER REMINDED THE PEOPLE THAT THERE WERE GROUPS TRYING TO HINDER THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN DEVELOPING EDUCATION.

HE SAID GROUPS HAD ALLEGED THAT THE EDUCATION PROVIDED WAS USELESS.

HE SAID THAT IF THE PEOPLE WERE INFLUENCED BY SUCH GROUPS THEY WOULD BECOME A BACKWARD SOCIETY DEPENDENT ON OTHERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS STRIVING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BUMIPUTRA DOCTORS. AT PRESENT ONLY 100 OF THE 2,500 DOCTORS WERE BUMIPUTRAS.

AS SUCH THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO TRAIN MORE BUMIPUTRAS, INCLUDING WOMEN, IN MEDICINE. — BERNAMA 2030/YF