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TEMERLOH, JULY 2 (BERNAMA)--DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, STRESSED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO EFFORTS AIMED AT IMPROVING THE LOT OF THE ECONOMICALLY-BACKWARD SECTION OF THE POPULATION. HOWEVER THIS DID NOT MEAN IT WOULD DO NOTHING FOR THE REST OF THE PEOPLE, HE ADDED WHEN OPENING 11 SHOPS BUILT BY THE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (UDA) AT A COST OF \$574,900 IN JALAN IBRAHIM HERE.

HE SAID GOVERNMENT ENDEAVOURS FOR THE PEOPLE HAD BENEFITTED ALL GROUPS IN THE SOCIETY.

THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY FEELING OF ENVY OR JEALOUSY BY THE HAVES--NOT FOR THE HAVES.

ON UDA, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE AUTHORITY HAD BROUGHT ABOUT MANY CHANGES TO THE URBAN LANDSCAPE IN THE COUNTRY DESPITE BEING A RELATIVELY NEW BODY.

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UDA HAD MADE A POSITIVE IMPACT ON EFFORTS TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN CERTAIN OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE RURAL AND FOR THE URBAN POPULATION.

SEPARATELY AT KUALA LIPIS EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, REITERATED THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL WOULD NEVER TAKE BACK INTO ITS FOLD MEMBERS OF COMPONENT PARTIES WHO WERE CONTESTING AS INDEPENDENTS IN THE GENERAL ELECTION.

HE CRITICISED THESE PEOPLE AS THOSE WHO WOULD SERVE THE PARTY ONLY WHEN THERE WAS A CHANCE THEY WOULD PROFIT BY IT.

HE EMPHASISED THAT THE ALLOCATION OF SEATS AMONG THE COMPONENT PARTNERS AND SELECTION OF CANDIDATES WERE MADE IN AS FAIR A MANNER AS POSSIBLE.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO ABOUT 500 BARISAN NASIONAL WORKERS AND SUPPORTERS AT THE KUALA LIPIS UMNO BUILDING.

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