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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 25 (BERNAMA) — FIRM ACTION WILL BE TAKEN AGAINST FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS IN SABAH WHO WORK AT THEIR OWN PACE.

DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD GAVE THIS ASSURANCE IN REPLY TO DATUK STEPHEN EVANS (BN-KENINGAU) IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT TODAY.

THE MEMBER COMPLAINED THAT MANY OFFICERS IN THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT IN THE FEDERAL HOUSE IN KOTA KINABALU ACTED AS THEY PLEASED.

HE CLAIMED THAT MANY APPLICATIONS FOR IDENTITY CARDS AND CITIZENSHIP PAPERS HAD STILL NOT BEEN PROCESSED EVEN THOUGH THESE WERE SENT IN SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

HE ALSO ALLEGED THAT OFFICERS IN THE LAND VALUATION OFFICE IN THE FEDERAL HOUSE IN KOTA KINABALU +COULD NOT CARE LESS AND ARE SLOWING DOWN WORK+. — BERNAMA MORE 1757/YF

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ASSURED THAT DATUK STEPHEN'S COMPLAINTS WOULD BE LOOKED INTO AND APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN.

BUT, HE EXPLAINED THAT THE DELAY IN ISSUING IDENTITY CARDS COULD BE DUE TO SEVERAL FACTORS, ONE OF WHICH WAS THE APPLICANT'S FAILURE TO FOLLOW CERTAIN PROCEDURES.

OTHER REASONS INCLUDED THE ABSENCE OF BIRT CERTIFICATES OR RELEVANT DOCUMENTS AND FAILURE TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

ON CITIZENSHIP, HE SAID THAT EVERY APPLICATION HAD TO BE SCRUTINISED TO ENSURE THAT THE APPLICANT SATISFIED ALL THE REQUIREMENTS.

AS SUCH, THE PROCESS OF GRANTING CITIZENSHIP HAD TO BE A LONG ONE, HE SAID. — BERNAMA MORE 1800/YF

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IN THIS RESPECT, THIS COULD NOT BE REGARDED AS +SLOWING DOWN WORK+, HE SAID.

ON THE VALUATION OFFICE IN KOTA KINABALU, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE OFFICE HAD TO WORK UNDER DIFFICULT CONDITIONS WHICH WERE AGGRAVATED BY THE LACK OF TECHNICAL STAFF.

A VALUATION OFFICER FROM PENINSULAR MALAYSIA HAD TO BE SENT THERE TO RUN THE OFFICE, HE SAID.

SO FAR, ONLY TWO OF THE FIVE POSTS OF ASSISTANT VALUATION OFFICER HAD BEEN FILLED BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF LOCAL CANDIDATES, HE ADDED. — BERNAMA 1802/YF