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KUALA LUMPUR, MAR. 27 (BERNAMA)—DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER  
DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED TOLD OPPOSITION MEMBERS  
IN PARLIAMENT TODAY NOT TO PLAY WITH "THE SANCTITY OF ISLAM  
AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF ISLAMIC LAWS FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

"THE HONORABLE MEMBERS THEMSELVES WILL FEEL THE DIRE CONSEQUENCES OF A MISSTEP IN THIS ISSUE," HE ADDED WHEN  
REPLYING TO ENCIK P. PATTO (DAP-MENGLERBU) IN THE DEWAN  
RAKYAT HERE.

ENCIK PATTO HAD ALLEGED THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT  
WAS ENCOURAGING VICE BY ALLOWING THE SALE OF LIQUOR AND  
GAMBILING WHICH HE SAID WERE CONTRARY TO THE TEACHINGS OF  
ISLAM.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT EXISTING LAWS  
DID NOT ENCOURAGE THE GROWTH OF VICE, WHICH HE SAID COULD NEVER  
BE TOTALLY ERADICATED IN ANY COUNTRY.

THE GOVERNMENT HAD PROVIDED LAWS AIMED AT CURBING VICE, HE  
ADDED.

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TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION FROM WAN AHMAD NAJIB MOHAMED  
(BN-PASIR PUTIH), THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID OFFICERS  
AND MEMBERS OF ANTI-VICE BODIES SHOULD REALISE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO BECOME TRULY EFFECTIVE.

WAN AHMAD HAD ASKED IF VICE WOULD BECOME MORE RAMPANT IF  
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF VICE-PREVENTION BODIES THEMSELVES WERE  
INVOLVED IN VICE AS HAD HAPPENED IN KELANTAN RECENTLY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS  
THINKING OF RESTRICTING THE SALE OF TODDY BECAUSE TODDY-DRINKING WAS  
A MONEY-WASTING HABIT FOR THE LOWER-INCOME GROUP.

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