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KUANTAN APRIL 6 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT WARNED AGAINST AN INCREASING NUMBER OF DOCTORS WHO FAILED TO MAINTAIN A HIGH IDEAL AND STANDARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND ETHICS.

HE SAID IT WAS A FACT THAT THERE WERE DOCTORS, WHO IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR EARNING CAPACITY, RESORTED TO UNETHICAL PRACTICES.

SPEAKING AT THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE MALAYSIAN MEDICAP ASSOCIATION (MMA) HERE DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ADDED THAT THE MMA ETHICAL COMMITTEE HAD UNCOVERED SEVERAL SUCH CASES BUT THE MALAYSIAN MEDICAL COUNCIL DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH LEGAL AUTHORITY TO DEAL WITH SUCH SITUATIONS.

HE SAID THAT THIS MATTER CALLED FOR AN URGENT REVIEW BECAUSE IF UNCHECKED WOULD RESULT DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF MEDICAL PRACTICE.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALSO WARNED THAT IT WAS A SERIOUS BREACH OF SERVICE CONDITIONS AND DISCIPLINE FOR GOVERNMENT DOCTORS TO DO LOCUM PRACTICE EITHER IN SPARE TIME OR DURING THEIR LEAVE AND THEY WOULD BE LEGALLY DEALT WITH. — BERNAMA