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JOHORE BAHRU, MAY 20 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS ASKED MALAYSIANS TO ADOPT AN ATTITUDE THAT PLACES EMPHASIS ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

THEY SHOULD ALSO INCULCATE IN THEMSELVES THE ASPIRATION TO SEE THE NATION PROGRESS, HE SAID AFTER A BRIEFING ON DEVELOPMENT IN JOHORE AT THE TUN RAZAK OPERATIONS ROOM, HERE TODAY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS CONFIDENT THAT MALAYSIA COULD BECOME A DEVELOPED NATION IN A SHORT TIME IF THE PEOPLE FORGOT ANY RACIAL DISSATISFACTION THAT EXISTED AMONGST THEMSELVES.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT MAKE RACIAL DISSATISFACTION A TOPIC OF ARGUMENT AMONGST THEMSELVES FOR THE SAKE OF THE NATION'S SECURITY AND WELL-BEING, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID FOREIGNERS HAD PREDICTED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE RACES IN MALAYSIA WAS TENSE AND SUCH A SITUATION COULD CAUSE STRIFE. — BERNAMA MORE 1942/A1

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+THESE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MAKING SUCH PREDICTIONS EVEN BEFORE OUR COUNTRY GOT INDEPENDENCE AND THEY ARE STILL DOING IT,+ HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT REALIZED THE PRESENCE OF DISATISFACTION AMONGST THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES BUT IT COULD NOT SATISFY ALL THE PEOPLE.

HE URGED COMMUNITY LEADERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO UNDERSTAND AND DISSEMINATE THIS FACT TO THE PEOPLE.

IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE PEOPLE TO HAVE A FEELING OF LOVE FOR THE NATION AND A WISH TO SEE IT BECOME A DEVELOPED ONE.

FOR EXAMPLE, A GOVERNMENT OFFICER SHOULD CONCENTRATE FULLY ON THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES ENTRUSTED UPON HIM, SAID DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR. — BERNAMA MORE 1945/A1

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THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF JOHORE SO FAR, AND DESCRIBED THE STATE AS ONE OF THE MOST DEVELOPED IN THE COUNTRY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO VISITED THE NEW WISMA PERSEKUTUAN IN JALAN AYER MOLEK, HERE WITH MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI HAJI OTHMAN SAAT.

EARLIER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND HIS WIFE, DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH WERE GRANTED AN AUDIENCE BY THE SULTAN AND SULTANAH OF JOHORE AT ISTANA BUKIT SERENE.

IN A SEPARATE PROGRAMME, DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH VISITED THE SPASTICS CHILDREN'S SCHOOL AND THE TAMAN SINAR HARAPAN IN TAMPOI NEAR HERE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE JOHORE COMMITTEE ON SPASTICS ASSOCIATIONS, DATUK ABDULLAH MOHAMED, IN HIS BRIEFING, SAID A NEW BUILDING COSTING \$500,000 WOULD REPLACE THE SCHOOL. DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH DONATED \$500 TO THE TAMAN SINAR HARAPAN. — BERNAMA 2014/A1

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