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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 1 (BERNAMA)—THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY FOR INDUSTRIAL AND OVERALL NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

HE SAID CABINET COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN, WAS ACTIVELY FORMULATING A NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY AND WOULD STUDY ALL ASPECTS OF ENERGY.

HE SAID THAT GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, WAS NOT AT THE MOMENT THINKING OF THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

THIS WAS BECAUSE OF THE BIG COSTS INVOLVED AND BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT ITS TECHNOLOGY WAS NOT YET PERFECT.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS IN THE MEANTIME GIVING ATTENTION TO THE USE OF HYDRO ELECTRICITY WHICH WAS ABUNDANTLY AVAILABLE IN THE COUNTRY.

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HE ADDED THAT THE HYDRO ELECTRICITY PRODUCED IN SARAWAK ALONE WAS ESTIMATED TO BE ABLE TO MEET THE SUPPLY REQUIREMENT OF THE WHOLE OF JAPAN.

THE GOVERNMENT WAS THINKING OF BRINGING THE EXCESS POWER TO PENINSULAR MALAYSIA, HE ADDED.

OTHER ASPECTS TO BE LOOKED INTO INCLUDED THE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY AND STUDY ON THE PRODUCTION OF FUEL FROM SOURCES SUCH AS FROM RUBBER.

IN ADDITION, THE CULTIVATION OF TOPIOCA FOR PRODUCTION OF ALCOHOL, SUCH AS CARRIED OUT IN BRAZIL, MIGHT ALSO BE CONSIDERED.

WITH MODIFICATION OF ENGINES OF VEHICLES, THIS COULD BE USED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR PETROL, HE ADDED.

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