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ALOR STAR, NOV. 4 (BERNAMA)—DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY SUGGESTED THAT TRADING CENTRES LIKE THE "PEKAN RABU" HERE BE SET-UP IN OTHER STATES ALSO TO ENABLE MORE BUMIPUTRAS TO PARTICIPATE IN BUSINESS.

HE SAID, SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH CENTRES DECADES AGO BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT, THEY HAD HELPED TO MOULD SEVERAL BUMIPUTRAS INTO SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMEN.

AS SUCH, THE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED SHOULD REGARD THE "PEKAN RABU" AS A MODEL IN ASSISTING BUMIPUTRAS IN THE FIELD OF COMMERCE AND TRADE, HE SAID WHEN OPENING AN OVERHEAD BRIDGE ALONG JALAN TUNKU IBRAHIM HERE.

HE STRESSED AGAIN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTED MORE BUMIPUTRAS TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN BUSINESS AS THIS WOULD HELP TO BALANCE THE NATIONAL ECONOMY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING VARIOUS FACILITIES TO ASSIST THE BUMIPUTRAS DID NOT MEAN THAT IT WANTED OTHER COMMUNITIES TO BE NEGLECTED.

THE BUMIPUTRAS WERE STILL BEHIND IN THE FIELD OF BUSINESS AND WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS.