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ALOR STAR, DEC. 5 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TODAY THAT NO ONE COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTRY COULD HAVE ALL ITS DEMANDS FULFILLED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THE GOVERNMENT COULD ONLY FULFILL CERTAIN REASONABLE DEMANDS THAT COULD GUARANTEE PEACE AND UNITY IN THE NATION, HE TOLD A GATHERING OF ABOUT 15,000 PEOPLE WHO HAD COME TO WELCOME HIM AND DATIN SERI SITI HASMAH AT THE KEPALA DATAS AIRPORT HERE FOR A THREE-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO KEDAH.

HE SAID THERE WOULD BE EXTREMIST ELEMENTS FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITIES WHO WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED WITH OR APPRECIATE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN UNPRINCIPLED DEMANDS FROM ANYONE, BE THEY MALAY, CHINESE OR INDIAN, HE STRESSED.

DATUK SERI MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIA WAS WELL OFF BECAUSE THERE WAS PEACE IN THE COUNTRY AND THE NATION WAS ABLE TO ENJOY A GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE. — BERNAMA MORE 1916/A1

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THE BARISAN NASIONAL VICTORY IN THE PELABUHAN KELANG PARLIAMINARY BY-ELECTION RECENTLY WAS PROOF THAT THE PEOPLE WANTED PEACE AND UNITY UNDER BARISAN NASIONAL RULE.

THE RACIALISTIC ATTITUDE OF PAS AND DAP WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE, HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ALSO PRAISED THE STATE GOVERNMENT FOR ITS SUCCESS IN RAISING REVENUE FOR EXPENDITURE NEXT YEAR.

ALTHOUGH THE STATE GOVERNMENTS COULD ASK FOR HELP AND ALLOCATIONS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THEY STILL HAD TO HAVE THEIR OWN SOURCES OF REVENUE, HE SAID.

THE MENTRI BESAR, DATUK SERI SYED NAHAR SHAHABUDDIN, IN HIS SPEECH, THANKED THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR THE ATTENTION GIVEN TO KEDAH THROUGH THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER.

HE SAID DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HAD MADE GREAT EFFORTS TO GET ADDITIONAL ALLOCATIONS FOR THE STATE FROM VARIOUS CHANNELS.

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THE STATE GOVERNMENT COULD NOW LOOK FORWARD TO A BRIGHT FUTURE AND CARRY OUT ITS ACTIVITIES TO BRING PROSPERITY FOR THE STATE WITH GREATER EFFORT, HE ADDED.

EARLIER AT THE AIRPORT THE KEDAH STATE SECRETARY, DATUK RADZI BASIR, BOARDED THE PLANE TO ESCORT DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND HIS WIFE DOWN.

THEY WERE THEN INTRODUCED TO THE MENTRI BESAR AND A LONG LINE OF VIPS, INCLUDING THE DEPUTY HOME MINISTER, DATUK SERI SYED AHMAD SHAHABUDDIN, AND DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT, ENCIK SANUSI JUNID.

KOMPANGS WERE BEATEN, INDIAN MUSIC PLAYED AND A LION DANCE PRESENTED TO THE VISITORS.

TONIGHT, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WILL BE GRANTED AN AUDIENCE BY THE SULTAN AND SULTANAH OF KEDAH AT THE ISTANA ANAK BUKIT.

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