

PORT DICKSON, MARCH 18 (BERNAMA) — DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SUGGESTED TODAY THAT A STUDY AND ANALYSIS BE MADE INTO THE THE OVERLAPPING OF POWER, THAT NOW EXISTS, AMONG POLITICIANS AND ADMINISTRATORS.

SUCH A MOVE WAS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ANY OVERLAPPING OF POWER WAS OVERCOME FOR THE NATION'S BENEFIT, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID AT THE OPENING OF A THREE-DAY SEMINAR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AT TELOK KEMANG NEAR HERE.

THERE WERE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS, HE SAID, WHO WERE UNHAPPY AND OFFENDED AT INTERFERENCE AND DIRECTIVES FROM POLITICIANS IN THE LAUNCHING OF PROJECTS OR THE RUNNING OF DEPARTMENTS.

HE REMINDED THAT IN A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM THE PEOPLE HAD THE POWER TO ADMINISTER THROUGH ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WHO HAD THE RIGHT TO DIRECT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS TO FULFIL THEIR ASPIRATIONS.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WERE CHOSEN TO SERVE FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD, DURING WHICH THEY WOULD BE TESTED AND IF THEY FAILED THEY WOULD NOT BE REELECTED.

AS SUCH, THEY +INTERFERED+ IN ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS TO ENSURE SUCCESS OF CERTAIN PROJECTS.

+POLITICIANS CANNOT WAIT FOR A LONG TIME TO SEE PROJECTS COMPLETED AND BECAUSE OF THIS THEY INTERFERE, DIRECT OR INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS+, HE STRESSED.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS DEVELOP THE +POLITICIAN'S ATTITUDE+ SO THAT THEY COULD UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS AND PREDICAMENTS OF POLITICIANS.

WITH SUCH AN ATTITUDE, IT WAS HOPED THAT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS COULD BE FAMILIAR WITH AND UNDERSTAND WHY SUCH INTERFERENCE HAD TO TAKE PLACE, HE SAID. —BERNAMA MORE 2033/MD

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ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS COULD NOT ANY LONGER FEEL THAT THEY WERE IN COLONIAL TIMES, WHERE A HEAD OF DEPARTMENT WAS CONSIDERED A +RAJA+ AND COULD DO ANYTHING HE PLEASED WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE, HE ADDED.

AT PRESENT, THEY WERE MERELY SERVANTS OF THE PUBLIC AND HAD TO ATTEND TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES.

HE SAID THAT SOME POLITICIANS WERE SUSPICIOUS OF SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO WERE MORE CLOSE TO THE PEOPLE THAN

HE ADDED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR BOTH POLITICIANS AND GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE.

THE SEMINAR WAS ONE OF THE WAYS THROUGH WHICH SUCH COOPERATION COULD BE FOSTERED.

HE HOPED THAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE OPEN-HEARTED SO THAT ANY MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN THIS CONNECTION COULD BE OVERCOME.

HE WAS HAPPY WITH THE STANDARD OF THE ADMINISTRATION WHICH HE SAID WAS HIGHER NOW THAN THAT OF THE COLONIAL DAYS.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE LATER RETURNED TO KUALA LUMPUR AFTER A TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE STATE. —BERNAMA 2038/MD