

KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 18 (BERNAMA) — ~~DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD~~ HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL, WITH THE BACKING OF THE AUTHORITIES, SHOULD LAUNCH NATIONWIDE COURTESY DRIVES.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT TO CARRY OUT THE CAMPAIGNS, THE COUNCIL SHOULD GET MORE MEMBERS WHO WERE ABLE TO WORK WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THE CAMPAIGNS SHOULD NOT BE AN +ON-OFF+ AFFAIR BUT A CONTINUING ONE WHERE BOTH +THE CARROT AND THE STICK SHOULD BE USED.+

+THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE THE STICK AND SUBSCRIBE TO THE CARROT—BUT THE WORK OF ORGANISING AND JUDGING SHOULD BE WITH THE COUNCIL,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS IN HIS SPEECH READ BY HIS WIFE, DATIN SERI DR. SITI HASMAH, AT A DINNER HERE TONIGHT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE FEDERAL TERRITORY ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN.

HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ROAD SAFETY IN THE COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS EMBARKING ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NETWORK OF NEW HIGHWAYS.

+IN A WAY, WE ARE PROVIDING MORE PLACES FOR THE PEOPLE TO KILL AND INJURE THEMSELVES BUT WITH THE SAFETY FEATURES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD COURTESY AND DRIVING SKILLS, HOPEFULLY THE COST WOULD NOT BE TOO GREAT,+ HE SAID.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR FELT THAT ROADUSERS WERE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR A BIG PROPORTION OF THE ACCIDENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

ROADUSERS, HE SAID, WERE LACKING IN COURTESY AND THE QUALITY OF DRIVING ALSO LEFT MUCH TO BE DESIRED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT MOST OF THE FATAL ACCIDENTS WERE DUE TO SPEED AND A LACK OF SKILL TO DRIVE AT SPEED.

+IF DRIVERS ARE COURTEOUS NOT ONLY ACCIDENTS BUT TRAFFIC JAMS WOULD OCCUR LESS OFTEN,+ HE POINTED OUT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SINGLED OUT LORRY DRIVERS FOR THEIR +COULDN'T CARE LESS ATTITUDE FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHER ROADUSERS.+

EARLIER, FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ENCIK JAAFAR ALI SAID \$100,000 HAD BEEN RAISED FOR THE CAMPAIGN SO FAR.

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