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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 1 (BERNAMA) — TARGETS SET FOR ACHIEVEMENT UNDER THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY MUST BE REALISTIC AND ATTAINABLE, (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO BE VERY CAREFUL IN DRAWING UP OBJECTIVES FOR IF GOALS WERE SET TOO HIGH, +WE MIGHT NOT ACHIEVE THEM AT ALL.+

HE SAID THIS TO REPORTERS WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON A PROPOSAL MADE AT THE THIRD BUMIPUTRA ECONOMIC CONGRESS HERE THAT THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY TARGET OF 30 PER CENT BUMIPUTRA PARTICIPATION IN ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES BE INCREASED TO 51 PER CENT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EARLIER CHAIRED THE PENARY SESSION OF THE CONGRESS.

HE SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT MIND WHAT TARGETS WERE SET SO LONG AS THEY COULD BE ACHIEVED.

+WE MUST BE REALISTIC AS TO WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE AND AS SUCH, WE MUST SET OUR GOALS REALISTICALLY,+ HE ADDED. — BERNAMA MORE 1614/
CONGRESS - MAHATHIR, 2 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO DAPUTY PRESIDENT, SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD STUDY ALL THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONGRESS.

HE POINTED OUT THAT IN SOME CASES THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALREADY CARRYING OUT WHAT WAS BEING PROPOSED.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE MIGHT ALSO BE SOME PROPOSALS WHICH, IF IMPLEMENTED, COULD BE TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF THE BUMIPUTRAS THEMSELVES.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR NOTED THAT GENERALLY THE RESOLUTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS PUT FORWARD WERE NEW AND MOST FOCUSED ON THE ROLE OF THE GOVERNMENT.

THERE WERE ALSO PROPOSALS WHICH WERE DIRECTED AT BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEURS THEMSELVES. —BERNAMA MORE 1703/MD

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CONGRESS - MAHATHIR 3 KUALA LUMPUR

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SPOKE OF THE VIEW FORWARDED BY UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MALAYSIA VICE-CHANCELLOR TAN SRI AINUDDIN WAHID ON THE ATTITUDE AND STAND OF BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEURS AND BUSINESSMEN.

TAN SRI AINUDDIN AT THE TRAINING AND MANPOWER WORKSHOP OF THE CONGRESS STRESSED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BUMIPUTRA ENTREPRENEURS HAVING A STRONG MOTIVATION TO BE SUCCESSFUL.

THIS, ACCORDING TO HIM, WAS IN LINE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF ISLAM.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT REALISED THAT WHATEVER EFFORTS IT MADE TO HALP BUMIPUTRAS WOULD NOT BE SUCCESSFUL IF THE BUMIPUTRAS THEMSELVES DID NOT COOPERATE.

THE COOPERATION COULD COME IN THE FORM OF THEIR MAKING THE BEST USE OF THE FACILITIES GIVEN THEM BY THE GOVERNMENT. —BERNAMA MORE 1707/MD

CONGRESS - MAHATHIR 4 KUALA LUMPUR

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER, SAID THE GOVERNMENT REGARDED THE CONGRESS AS AN IMPORTANT MEDIUM TO OBTAIN FEEDBACK ON ACHIEVEMENTS THUS FAR.

HE CHAIRED THE PLEINARY SESSIONS WHICH DISCUSSED WORKING PAPERS ON FINANCE/INVESTMENT, CONTRACTORS/CONSTRUCTION, FORESTRY, MINING AND EMPLOYMENT/MANPOWER/TRAINING —BERNAMA 1731/MD