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KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 10 (BERNAMA) — THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY GROUP OF BUMIPUTRAS IN HELPING THE BUMIPUTRA COMMUNITY TO PROGRESS IN THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FIELDS IN LINE WITH THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY, THE DEWAN RAKYAT WAS TOLD TODAY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID THE CRITERIA USED BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO BUMIPUTRA INDIVIDUALS AND PARTNERSHIPS IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY WERE THAT THEY MUST BE CAPABLE, HAVE INITIATIVE AND WERE HARD WORKING.

REPLYING TO ENCIK MOHAMAD NAKHAIE BIN HAJI AHMAD (PAS - BALING), HE SAID THE AID AND FACILITIES GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT IF THE RECIPIENTS WERE NOT CAPABLE AND LACKING IN INITIATIVE AND DRIVE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID IF IT WAS TRUE THAT ONLY UMNO SUPPORTERS WERE GIVEN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, THEN THE OPPOSITION PARTIES SHOULD NOW BE BANKRUPT. — BERNAMA MORE 1742/YF

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HOWEVER, HE NOTED THAT DURING ELECTION TIME THE OPPOSITION SEEMED TO BE MORE PROSPEROUS THAN UMNO.

TO A SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTION BY WAN MOHAMAD NAJIB BIN WAN MOHAMAD (BN-PASIR PUTEH), DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THEY WERE PAS LEADERS WHO HAD ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE TO BE ACTIVE IN TRADE AND INDUSTRY. — BERNAMA 1744/YF