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KOTA KINABALU, NOV. 16 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS NOT TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES DIRECTLY IN BUSINESS AS THIS MIGHT AFFECT THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SUCH INVOLVEMENT WOULD CREATE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND THIS WOULD WEAKEN THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1820/LK

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IN THIS CONTEXT, THE GOVERNMENT HAD REVIEWED THE RELEVANT REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT GOVERNMENT SERVANTS DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN BUSINESS.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS OPENING THE "KAISMA KHIDMAT" BUILDING HERE. THE 56 MILLION BUILDING IS OWNED BY THE SYARIKAT KERJASAMA PENGGUNA PERKHIDMATAN AWAM BERNAMA.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR URGED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO WERE STILL INVOLVED IN BUSINESS TO CEASE SUCH ACTIVITIES IMMEDIATELY. -- BERNAMA MORE 1916/LK

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HE SAID THE REGULATION WAS NOT AIMED AT PREVENTING THEM FROM ENJOYING THE FRUITS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUT RATHER TO ENSURE A SMOOTH AND EFFICIENT GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.

IN THIS WAY THE FRUITS OF DEVELOPMENT COULD BE ENJOYED BY ALL.

HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT ALLOWED ITS OFFICERS TO BUY SHARES IN PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANIES.

THE GOVERNMENT ALSO ALLOWED ITS OFFICERS TO SET UP COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES WHICH COULD INVEST IN VARIOUS FIELDS INCLUDING PROPERTIES.

+BUT IT IS AN OFFENCE FOR A GOVERNMENT OFFICER TO SET UP A PRIVATE COMPANY IRRESPECTIVE OF WHETHER SUCH COMPANY IS MANAGED BY HIM OR HIS FRIENDS OR RELATIVES AS THIS WOULD CREATE PROBLEMS FOR THE COUNTRY'S ADMINISTRATION, + HE SAID. -- BERNAMA MORE 1959/A1

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT DID NOT MATTER WHETHER THE COMPANIES WERE BIG OR SMALL AS THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH COMPANIES WOULD +DIVERT THEIR ATTENTION TO THEIR OWN BUSINESS, + HE PRAISED THE CIVIL SERVICE FOR THE SUCCESS IN IMPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PRACTICE OF MODERN ADMINISTRATION WAS NO LONGER LIKE THAT OF THE COLONIAL DAYS WHEN IT WAS CONFINED TO MAINTAINING PEACE AND COLLECTING REVENUE.

PRESENT DAY ADMINISTRATION ALSO DEALT WITH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1955/A1

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ON THE SYARIKAT KERJASAMA PENGGUNA PERKHIDMATAN AWAM SABAH, THE PRIME MINISTER HOPED THAT IT WOULD EXPAND ITS ACTIVITIES TO SARAWAK AND PENINSULAR MALAYSIA.

SUCH EXPANSION WOULD ALSO HELP FOSTER CLOSER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF SABAH AND THOSE IN THE OTHER STATES.

PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE DATIN SERI SITI HANNAH, CHIEF MINISTER DATUK HARRIS SALLEH AND HIS WIFE DATIN RUPIAH.

EARLIER, THE PRIME MINISTER ATTENDED A CLOSED-DOOR BRIEFING AT THE SABAH RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS COUNCIL OFFICE. --