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MAHATHIR - EMIGRATION
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PENANG, NOV 21 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY TOOK TO TASK MALAYSIANS WHO CLAIMED THEY HAD BEEN DISCRIMINATED AGAINST TO JUSTIFY THEIR EMIGRATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER QUOTED THE MALAY PROVERB +KACANG LUPAKAN KULIT+ TO DESCRIBE THE UNGRATEFULNESS OF SUCH PEOPLE.

HE SAID SUCH PEOPLE WHO HAD EMIGRATED WERE IN FACT NOT WELL OFF AND REGARDED ONLY AS SECOND-CLASS CITIZENS IN THEIR PRESENT COUNTRY OF STAY.

SPEAKING AT THE OPENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GERAKAN PARTY AT THE DEWAN SRI PINANG HERE, HE SAID UNFORTUNATELY THEY WERE ASHAMED OF ADMITTING THAT FACT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADDED THAT GENUINE CITIZENS SHOULD LIVE BY THE PRINCIPLE OF THE MALAY PROVERB +DI MANA BUMI DIPIJAK DI SITULAH LANGIT DI JUNJUNG+ TO REFLECT THEIR ALLEGIENCE ONLY TO THE COUNTRY THAT THEY HAD MADE THEIR HOME. --
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL TO THE CONDUCIVE ENVIRONMENT PREVAILING IN THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID COMPARED WITH MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THE SITUATION IN MALAYSIA WAS +VERY MUCH BETTER.+

+WE DO NOT EXPERIENCE STARVATION AND THE COUNTRY IS NOT THREATENED BY MAJOR NATURAL DISASTERS EXCEPT FOR SOME PEOPLE TO BE CONTINUALLY DISATISFIED WITH THE CONDITION OF THEIR OWN COUNTRY IF BIRTH. -- BERNAMA 1652/MK