

NO24 (F)
MAHATHIR-MILITARY
BM

KUALA LUMPUR, DEC. 3⁸¹ ((BERNAMA))--(P) DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD STRESSED THE NEED TODAY FOR THE ARMED FORCES TO HAVE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT RESOURCES TO AVOID ANY WASTAGE.

THE PRIME MINISTER CONSIDERED THIS NEED AS MOST NECESSARY AS THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN WAS NOT ONLY TO EXPAND THE ARMED FORCES BUT ALSO TO EQUIP THEM WITH SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS.

AS SUCH, HE STRESSED, THE ALLOCATIONS PROVIDED FOR DEFENCE PURPOSES SHOULD BE UTILISED PROPERLY AND IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE DEFENCE MINISTER, SAID THE CREATION OF EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT RESOURCES AND, THE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES FOR THE ARMED FORCES WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN THE MAXIMUM EFFICIENCY.

+GOOD MANAGEMENT WILL ALSO ENSURE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ARMED FORCES MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES+, HE SAID.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT THE PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS TO 137 MILITARY OFFICERS INCLUDING 16 FOREIGN OFFICERS WHO HAD COMPLETED THEIR STAFF COURSE AT THE ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE AT THE DEFENCE MINISTRY HERE. --BERNAMA MORE
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THE FOREIGN OFFICERS WHO ATTENDED THE 11-MONTH COURSE WERE FROM AUSTRALIA, BANGLADESH, GHANA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, SAUDI ARABIA, SINGAPORE, THE SUDAN, NEW ZEALAND, THE UNITED KINGDOM, INDONESIA, THE UNITED STATES, THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED THE ARMED FORCES TO RAISE THE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS OF THEIR OFFICERS AND MEN NOT ONLY IN MILITARY TACTICS BUT ALSO IN THE FIELD OF MANAGEMENT.

HE SAID THE ARMED FORCES SHOULD ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS IN OVERCOMING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

+FOR THIS REASON, A DEEPER INSIGHT INTO THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE COMMUNITY IS IMPORTANT AND SHOULD SERVE AS THE BACKGROUND FOR OUR THINKING+, HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT ONLY BY DISPLAYING WISDOM AND DEDICATION IN CARRYING OUT THEIR FUNCTIONS THAT THE ARMED FORCES COULD FULFILL THE NEEDS OF THE NATION. --BERNAMA MORE 1157/MD

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO STRESSED THE NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MILITARY OFFICERS AND CIVIL SERVICE OFFICIALS TO ENSURE THAT THE ARMED FORCES EXPANSION PROGRAMME WAS CARRIED OUT IN A SMOOTH AND ORDERLY MANNER.

HE SAID THAT AS THE ARMED FORCES EXPANSION PROGRAMME INVOLVED OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, CIVIL SERVANTS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROBLEMS FACED BY THE ARMED FORCES IN DEFENDING THE NATION.

ON THE OTHER HAND, ARMY OFFICERS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS FACED BY THE CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT A POSITIVE ATTITUDE WOULD ENSURE THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARMED FORCES EXPANSION PROGRAMME.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE CEREMONY WERE DEPUTY DEFENCE MINISTER ABANG ABU BAKAR DATU BANDAR ABANG HAJI MUSTAPHA, CHIEF OF DEFENCE FORCES JEN. TAN SRI MOHAMED GHAZALI DATUK MOHAMED SETH, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE DEFENCE MINISTRY, TAN SRI MOHAMED YUSOF ABDUL RAHMAN, FOREIGN DIPLOMATS AND SENIOR MILITARY OFFICERS. --BERNAMA 1215/MD