

MAHATHIR-MESSAGE  
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EMBARGO: FOR RELEASE AFTER 8.30 P.M. TODAY, AUG. 30

KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 30<sup>81</sup> (BERNAMA) — <sup>(P)</sup> DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT CALLED ON EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP TO MAKE THE 80S A DECADE OF DETERMINATION TO UPGRADE THEIR PRODUCTIVITY AND THE PRODUCTIVITY OF ALL SECTORS AND ALL ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT THE 80S SHOULD BE MADE A DECADE FOR CHANGING AN ATTITUDE OF SELF-INTEREST TO THAT OF GIVING PRIORITY TO RELIGION, NATION AND COUNTRY.

HE SAID THIS IN A NATIONAL DAY MESSAGE OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION MALAYSIA.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD REALISE THAT ALL RESOURCES — ENERGY, TIME, IDEAS AND CAPITAL — SHOULD BE FULLY UTILISED TO PUSH THE NATION TO AN EVEN HIGHER LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT.

NO ONE COULD HELP THOSE WHO DID NOT WANT TO WORK WITH SINCERITY IN UTILISING THEIR ENERGY, TIME, IDEAS AND CAPITAL TO BETTER THEMSELVES, HE ADDED.

—BERNAMA MORE 1527/AN

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ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP THE PEOPLE IMPROVE THEIR LIVING STANDARD, THE BENEFITS OF DEVELOPMENT WOULD NOT POSSIBLY BE FULLY ENJOYED BY THOSE WHO WERE NOT PREPARED TO MAKE USE OF THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE.

HOWEVER, HE SAID, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE MEANINGLESS IF THE PEOPLE DID NOT HAVE HIGH VALUES IN LIFE.

HE SAID MATERIALISTIC AND SPIRITUAL VALUES COULD NOT BE SEPARATED IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AS WITH A BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO THE PEOPLE WOULD BECOME A STRONG COMMUNITY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT IN CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAY THE PEOPLE, AS CITIZENS WHO WERE AWARE AND RESPONSIBLE, SHOULD STRENGTHEN THEIR DETERMINATION NOT ONLY TO LIVE UP TO THE MEANING OF INDEPENDENCE BUT ALSO TO PRESERVE IT FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS.

+FOR THIS PURPOSE, WE MUST HAVE A SPIRIT OF LOVE FOR THE NATION AND THE WILLINGNESS AND CAPABILITY TO DEFEND IT EVEN WITH OUR LIVES, HE ADDED.

—BERNAMA MORE 1530/AN

MAHATHIR—MESSAGE 3 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT NATIONAL DAY SHOULD BRING OUT A DEEP REALISATION OF THE SACRIFICES AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE NATION'S WARRIORS STATESMEN, LEADERS AND THE PEOPLE IN DEFENDING THE SOVEREIGNTY AND PROGRESS OF THE NATION.

IN REALISING THE HISTORY OF THE PAST, THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE FUTURE THEY DESIRED WHICH WAS FILLED WITH PROSPERITY, PROGRESS AND HARMONY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS THE AIM OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES TO ATTAIN SUCH OBJECTIVES AND ATTENTION AND ENERGY WOULD ALWAYS BE DIRECTED TOWARDS ENSURING THEIR ATTAINMENT.

HE ADDED THAT EVERYONE HAD A SPECIAL ROLE AND IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY IN NATION BUILDING AND THEY MUST CARRY THEM OUT WITH DEDICATION, SINCERITY AND DISCIPLINE.

—BERNAMA MORE 1533/AN

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MAHATHIR—MESSAGE 4 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

MIC PRESIDENT DATUK S. SAMY VELLU IN HIS MESSAGE SAID MALAYSIA HAD BECOME THE MODEL FOR OTHER NATIONS IN MANY MATTERS, INCLUDING THE RECENT SMOOTH CHANGEOVER IN THE ADMINISTRATION.

DATUK SAMY VELLU, WHO IS WORKS AND UTILITIES MINISTER, SAID THE PEOPLE OF MALAYSIA WAS PROUD OF THIS TRADITION WHICH WAS UNIQUE TO THIS NATION AND RARELY OCCURRED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD.

HE ALSO PAID TRIBUTE TO THE PAST LEADERS WHO HAD ALSO ENDEAVOURED TO MAKE THIS NATION A DEMOCRATIC ONE.

HE CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO HELP UPHOLD THE CONCEPT OF DEMOCRACY.

THEY SHOULD REGISTER THEMSELVES AS VOTERS AND GO TO THE POLLS DURING ELECTION TIME.

—BERNAMA MORE 1537/AN