

Redouble efforts: Dr M

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sunday:

DATUK Seri Dr. Mahathir Mohamad today called on Malaysians to redouble their efforts at increasing productivity in all sectors of the economy.

The Prime Minister told the nation over Radio and TV tonight that they must realise that all the available resources must be fully mobilised so that the country could develop further.

He said although the Gov-

ernment had taken efforts and would continue to do so to enable the people to improve their livelihood, the benefits from such development efforts would not be enjoyed by those who were not willing to utilise the available resources.

Proper balance

In his first National Day message since becoming Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir said the decade of the Eighties should be turned into a decade where the people should change their attitude from

that of being self-centred to that of giving greater interest to religion, race and the nation.

He said economic prosperity would not bring any meaning if the people were not guided by pure principles and lacked high moral values.

He added that it was pointless if the people had acquired economic wealth but lacked the high spiritual and moral values.

"A proper balance between physical and spiritual values will not only benefit the individual but also the family and community," he said.

The Prime Minister said such a balance would bring greater resilience for Malaysians with better physical and spiritual capabilities.

On the National Day celebrations, he said it should give greater meaning to the people.

The significance of the National Day is not that it is a public holiday or that it is a day of celebrations.

"The significance of the National Day is that it is a day when we remember the historic struggles of the leaders

in achieving independence and sovereignty for the country.

"It should remind us of the sacrifices and contributions of the national heroes, statesmen and leaders in maintaining and preserving sovereignty and prosperity of the people and the country," Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir added.

He said that while the people realised the struggles of the past, they must also have an open mind on the future of the country.

He added that the people must strive for peace, prosperity and harmony.

Each and every Malaysian had an important role to play in national development, the Prime Minister said.