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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT. 16⁸¹ (BERNAMA) - PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY STRESSED THE NEED FOR EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT IN THE ARMED FORCES TO PREVENT WATAGE.

HE SAID WITH THE SERIOUS ATTENTION GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TO THE COUNTRY'S DEFENCE AND SECURITY AND THE SUBSTANTIAL ALLOCATION GIVEN TO STRENGTHEN AND EXPAND THE ARMED FORCES, EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT WAS NECESSARY ESPECIALLY IN PURCHASING MODERN AND SOPHISTICATED MILITARY EQUIPMENT.

OPENING THE ARMED FORCES DEFENCE COLLEGE HERE, HE SAID CIVIL SERVICE AND ARMED FORCES OFFICERS NEEDED TO UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPECTIVE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS TO CREATE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TO DETERMINE THE SMOOTH IMPLEMENTATION OF ARMED FORCES DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES.

HE ADDED THAT THIS UNDERSTANDING WOULD HELP TO CREATE AN ATTITUDE THAT THEY CARRIED OUT THE PROGRAMME NOT ONLY FOR THEIR OWN INTERESTS BUT ALSO FOR THE INTEREST OF THE COUNTRY. -- BERNAMA MORE

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, INCLUDING ARMY OFFICERS, MUST HAVE WIDE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE AND KEEP ABREAST WITH THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, ESPECIALLY THE DEVELOPMENTS IN THE REGION, AND UNDERSTAND THE IMPLICATIONS TO THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID SUCH KNOWLEDGE WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF DEFENCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND THE COUNTRY'S SECURITY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HOPED THAT THE ARMED FORCES WOULD CONTINUE TO UPGRADE TRAINING OF ITS SENIOR OFFICERS IN THE MILITARY, MANAGEMENT AND OTHER FIELDS.

IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO RAISE THE STANDARD OF PROFESSIONALISM IN ALL GOVERNMENT SERVICES, WHETHER IN THE PUBLIC OR THE MILITARY SERVICE, IN HELPING DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

THE CHIEF OF DEFENCE FORCES, JEN. TAN SRI MOHAMED GHAZALI DATUK SETH IN HIS SPEECH SAID THE COLLEGE WAS PLANNED IN LINE WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE ARMED FORCES FROM 1979 TO 1983. —
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HE SAID DURING THE PERIOD, A COMPLEX COMPROSING AN ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE, A NATIONAL DEFENCE INSTITUTION AND AN ARMED FORCES MUSEUM WAS BEING BUILT, IN ADDITION TO THE PERMANENT ARMED FORCES DEFENCE COLLEGE COMPLEX, AT TEMPLER'S PARK.

AMONG THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE CEREMONY WERE DEPUTY DEFENCE MINISTER, ABANG ABU BAKAR BIN DATU BANDAR ABANG HAJI MUSTAPHA, THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE, HANIFF OMAR, SENIOR ARMED FORCES OFFICERS AND FORMER CHIEFS OF DEFENCE FORCES, JEN. TAN SRI ABDUL HAMID BIDIN AND JEN. TAN SRI IBRAHIM ISMAIL. — BERNAMA 1944/1B