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AUG. 15 (BERNAMA) — (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT WAS BEING MADE PUBLIC FOR THE FIRST TIME TO LET THE PEOPLE KNOW HOW PUBLIC FUNDS WERE SPENT.

BY ALLOWING THE PRESS TO REPORT ON THE DOCUMENT, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ENABLING THE PEOPLE TO KNOW THE TRUE SITUATION REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT FACE ANY PROBLEM OF FINANCE -- SUFFICIENT FUNDS HAD BEEN ALLOCATED -- BUT THE LEVEL OF ATTAINMENT WAS NOT VERY SATISFACTORY.

HE WAS SPEAKING AT A TEA RECEPTION HELD TO HONOUR HIM AND DATIN SERI DR SITI HASMAH AT SERI PERINGGIT HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR POINTED OUT THAT IN THE PAST THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT WAS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL AND ONLY MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE CONCERNED. -- BERNAMA MORE 0034/MK

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HE WARNED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS THAT IF THEY DID NOT PERFORM THEIR DUTIES WITH DEDICATION AND SINCERITY, THEIR SERVICES COULD BE TERMINATED.

THERE WERE GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS WHICH STIPULATED THAT IF AN OFFICER DID NOT CARRY OUT HIS DUTIES, HE COULD BE DISMISSED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THIS WAS NOT A THREAT BUT A FACT AND IT WAS THE EXPECTATION OF THE PUBLIC THAT THE OFFICERS DID THEIR WORK WELL.

REGARDING THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TO BE IN THEIR OFFICE DURING OFFICE HOURS, HE SAID THIS WAS NOT MEANT TO ENSLAVE THEM TO TIME.

THIS WAS ONLY TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO SHOULD BE IN THE OFFICE SHOULD DO SO. -- BERNAMA MORE 0035/MK

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HOWEVER, WHETHER THEY SPEND THEIR TIME DOING THEIR JOBS OR NOT, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD KNOW, HE ADDED.

EARLIER, CHIEF MINISTER ENCIK MOHAMED ADIB ADAM SAID GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO WERE NOT PREPARED TO WORK HARD TO FULFILL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES COULD RESIGN BEFORE THEY WERE DISMISSED.

PRESENT WERE PUAN ZAIRIAH HUSSIN, THE SPEAKER OF THE STATE ASSEMBLY, DATUK HAJI ABDUL AZIZ TAPA, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS. -- BERNAMA 0040/MK