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ALOR STAR, APRIL 17 (BERNAMA) -- (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) TODAY HIT OUT AT THE FEW INTELLECTUALS WHO ARE CRITICISING THE SECULAR EDUCATION SYSTEM DESPITE THEIR BEING EDUCATED UNDER THE VERY SAME SYSTEM.

HE SAID THESE PEOPLE REGARDED SECULAR EDUCATION AS NO GOOD, ALLEGEDLY CONTRARY TO ISLAMIC TEACHINGS AND AS SUCH SHOULD NOT BE PURSUED.

AMONG THESE PEOPLE WERE THOSE WHO HAD RECEIVED HIGHER EDUCATION ABROAD AND WERE NOW ENJOYING A COMFORTABLE LIFE ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR BEING HIGHLY EDUCATED.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER REMINDED THE PEOPLE THAT ISLAM TAUGHT ITS FOLLOWERS TO PURSUE EDUCATION IN ALL FIELDS, NOT ONLY RELIGION, TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVELIHOOD AND TO PREPARE FOR THE NEXT WORLD.

SPEAKING AT THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR A PRIVATE SCHOOL. THE AKADEMI RAKYAT, HERE, HE SAID WHAT WAS IMPORTANT WAS THE PURSUIT OF EDUCATION TO DO GOOD, NOT EVIL OR MERELY TO PREPARE FOR AFTER DEATH. -- BERNAMA MORE 1540/1B

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DISCLOSED THAT 16 STUDENTS AT A LOCAL UNIVERSITY HAD GIVEN UP STUDIES BELIEVING THAT THE EDUCATION WAS OF NO USE.

HE POINTED OUT THAT THROUGH EDUCATION, ONE NOT ONLY ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FREEDOM.

HE SAID THE NATION'S LEADERS, USING THE EDUCATION THAT THEY HAD ACQUIRED, MANAGED TO FREE THE COUNTRY FROM COLONIALISM WITHOUT THE SPILL OF BLOOD.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR PRAISED THE PERSATUAN BELIA BIMBINGAN WHICH IS SPONSORING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ACADEMY.

HE SAID YOUTH SHOULD PURSUE IDEALS WHICH WOULD CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. -- BERNAMA 1545/1B