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JITRA, APRIL 18 (BERNAMA) — ²⁾ ^(P) DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY CRITICISED THE BEHAVIOUR OF SOME BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN AND TRADERS WHO LIKED TO SHOW OFF INSTEAD OF DOING SERIOUS BUSINESS.

HE SAID THESE PEOPLE PLACED GREATER PRIORITY ON THEIR OWN COMFORTS RATHER THAN ON IMPROVING THEIR BUSINESSES AND THEY BEHAVED LIKE SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMEN.

SPEAKING AT THE LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF THE \$1.5 MILLION BUILDING OF THE KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION HERE, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THESE BUSINESSMEN WOULD NOT LAST LONG IN THE TRADE.

HE ADDED THAT WHEN THEY PLUNGED INTO THE BUSINESS WORLD, THEY PLACED GREATER PRIORITY ON A RICHLY-CARPETED OFFICE AND A +MERCEDES+.

BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WORK HARD, THEIR BUSINESSES WOULD NORMALLY FOLD UP SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR LATER BECAUSE OF FAILURE AND LOSSES. —BERNAMA MORE 1707/MD

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID ANOTHER GROUP OF BUMIPUTRA BUSINESSMEN NOT ONLY DID NOT WORK ON THEIR BUSINESSES BUT PAID OTHERS TO DO THE JOB FOR THEM.

SUCH BUSINESSMEN WOULD ALSO NOT LAST LONG BECAUSE THEY DID NOT CONCENTRATE ON THEIR BUSINESSES AND DID NOT KNOW HOW TO RUN THEM, HE ADDED.

HE ADVISED THE BUMIPUTRAS NOT TO BE ASHAMED OF RUNNING THEIR OWN BUSINESSES IN SHOPS LIKE THE OTHER COMMUNITIES WHO HAD SUCCEEDED IN DOING JUST THAT.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID ALTHOUGH THERE WERE OBSTACLES IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD, THEY COULD BE OVERCOME ONLY IF THE PEOPLE WORKED HARD AND POSSESSED THE SPIRIT AND THE ATTITUDE TO SUCCEED.

THE BUMIPUTRA COMMUNITY, HE ADDED, MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND THE INTRICACIES OF BUSINESS AND MUST POSSESS THE NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE BEFORE GOING INTO THE FIELD.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS AGENCIES LIKE MARA AND UDA, WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP BUMIPUTRAS TO DO BUSINESS. —BERNAMA MORE 1715/MD

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HOWEVER SUCH EFFORTS WOULD BE FUTILE IF THE BUMIPUTRAS THEMSELVES DID NOT WORK HARD TO IMPROVE THEIR BUSINESSES.

EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR AND HIS WIFE, DATIN DR. SITI HASMAH VISITED KAMPUNG BELUKAR MELELEH, 11 MILES FROM HERE, WHERE KEDAH'S FOURTH GROUP PADI FARMING PROJECT WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED.

HE TOLD RESIDENTS THAT THE PROJECT WOULD INVOLVE 80 FAMILIES AND WOULD COVER 200 RELONGS OF PADI LAND OUTSIDE THE MUDA IRRIGATION AREA.

HE SAID THE GROUP PROJECT WOULD REDUCE THE FARMERS' EXPENDITURE AND INCREASE THEIR INCOME BESIDES GIVING THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO CARRY OUT OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS ANIMAL HUSBANDRY. —BERNAMA