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KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 1 (BERNAMA) -- (P) DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY RENAMED THE CHERAS NEW TOWNSHIP OF KAMPUNG KONGGO +BANDAR TUN RAZAK+, IN HONOUR OF THE COUNTRY'S SECOND PRIME MINISTER, AND CALLED ON PEOPLE IN URBAN AREAS TO ACCEPT THE CONSTRAINTS OF URBAN LIVING.

HE SAID THAT PEOPLE IN THE BIG TOWNS MUST BE PREPARED TO LIVE IN FLATS TO CUT COSTS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT APART FROM THE COST FACTOR, THERE WAS ALSO THE PROBLEM OF LIMITED LAND.

THE PEOPLE IN THE URBAN AREAS THEREFORE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO LIVE IN MORE CONGESTED AREAS, HE SAID AT THE TOWN-RENAMING CEREMONY, HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH CITY DAY, AT CHERAS NEAR HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT LIVING IN URBAN AREAS HAD ITS CONSTRAINTS AS WELL AS ITS BENEFITS AND THE WAY OF LIFE MIGHT NOT BE THE SAME AS IN THE RURAL AREAS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1340/MK

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HE SAID THE RUKUNTETANGGA AND NATIONAL UNITY DEPARTMENT HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO IMPLEMENT A +GOOD NEIGHBOURLINESS+ CONCEPT IN HOUSING SCHEMES TO GET NEIGHBOURS TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

THE PRIME MINISTER WANTED THE +CAN'T BE BOTHERED+ ATTITUDE PREVAILING AMONG PEOPLE IN THE URBAN AREAS TO BE ERADICATED.

HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO COOPERATE AMONG THEMSELVES TO MAINTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANLINESS, NOT ONLY WITHIN THEIR HOUSE COMPOUND BUT ALSO OF THE ROADSIDE OUTSIDE THE HOUSE.

TO FLAT-DWELLERS, HE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEM DECORATING THEIR WINDOW LEDGES WITH POTTED PLANTS INSTEAD OFS CLOTHES STRUNG OUT TO DRY.

HE SUGGESTED THAT ARCHITECTS IN DESIGNING FLATS MAKE PROVISIONS FOR AREAS WHERE CLOTHES COULD BE PUT OUT TO DRY SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT BECOME AN EYESORE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1455/MK

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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHOULD MAKE PROVISIONS FOR BUSINESS PREMISES FOR PETTY TRADERS, WITH ALL THE NECESSARY FACILITIES SUCH AS ELECTRICITY AND WATER SUPPLY, FAR IN ADVANCE.

THEY SHOULD NOT WAIT UNTIL PETTY TRADERS WERE POSING A PROBLEM BEFORE DECIDING ON PROVIDING SUCH PREMISES.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT HAWKERS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO CARRY OUT THEIR TRADE NOT ONLY TO CATER FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE A TOURIST ATTRACTION.

IN THIS CONTEXT, HE HOPED THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND OWN RS OF BUILDINGS WOULD NOT CHARGE TOO HIGH RENT ON HAWKERS AND PETTY TRADERS.

THE HAWKERS AND PETTY TRADERS ON THE OTHER HAND SHOULD ABIDE BY REGULATIONS, ESPECIALLY THOSE PERTAINING TO CLEANLINESS AND HYGIENE. -- BERNAMA MORE 1500/MK

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ON BANDAR TUN RAZAK, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ITS ESTABLISHMENT WAS THE RESULT OF A SCHEME TO SEE THAT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL WAS NOT CONCENTRATED IN THE CITY CENTRE BUT SPREAD OUT AMONG SEVERAL SATELLITE TOWNS.

UNDER THE PROGRAMME, SEVERAL MORE SATELLITE TOWNS WOULD BE CREATED, INCLUDING ONE AT HAWTHORNDEN ESTATE AND ANOTHER AT BUKIT JALIL. -- BERNAMA 1501/MK