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MAHATHIR-DETAINEES

KUALA LUMPUR, FEB. 9 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY INQUIRIES FROM SO-CALLED HUMAN RIGHTS CHAMPIONS SINCE IT ANNOUNCED ITS OFFER TO ALLOW INTERNATIONAL BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS TO ADOPT INTERNAL SECURITY ACT (ISA) DETAINEES.

PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID SOME PEOPLE HAD INSTEAD USED THE OFFER AS AN ISSUE TO SCORE +POLITICAL POINTS+ WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKING AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE, HE SAID HE WAS NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH PEOPLE... +WE ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN THE FATE OF THE DETAINEES.+

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT MADE THE OFFER AS A FAVOUR TO DETAINEES WHO DISLIKE THE SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTRY TO GO ELSEWHERE.

HE SAID THE DETAINEES HAD BEEN DETAINED BECAUSE THEY CONSTITUTED A THREAT TO SOCIETY.

+IN THIS COUNTRY, THE INTEREST OF THE COMMUNITY SUPERS DES THOSE OF THE INDIVIDUALS AND THE INDIVIDUALS MUST CONFORM TO THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

+THE SOCIETY IS FREE NOT THE INDIVIDUALS. THE INDIVIDUAL MAY BE SUPREME IN THEIR COUNTRIES BUT NOT HERE+. HE STRESSED.

--BERNAMA MORE 1840/MD

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REFERRING TO A NEWSPAPER REPORT ON SCHOOLS NOT PROVIDED WITH PLAYING FIELDS, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID DUE TO SEVERAL PROBLEMS, THE GOVERNMENT HAD FOUND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO EQUIP ALL SCHOOLS WITH PLAYING FIELDS.

THE PROBLEMS INCLUDED THE DIFFICULTY IN ACQUIRING LAND AND SHORTAGE OF FUNDS WHICH ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR OTHER PROJECTS.

AS SUCH HE SAID IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY FTR SOMESCHOOLS TO SHARE THE FIELDS.

+AS MUCH AS THE GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE EVERY SCHOOL TO HAVE THEIR OWN FIELDS, WE ARE SORRY THAT THIS COULD NOT BE POSSIBLE,+ HE SAID. --BERNAMA 1845/MD