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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 23 (BERNAMA)--THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE CAPABILITY OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS (NBI) TO ENABLE IT TO ACT MORE FIRMLY AND EFFECTIVELY, THE SENATE WAS TOLD TODAY.

THE CHANGE OF ITS NAME FROM THE NBI TO ITS ORIGINAL NAME, THE ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCY (ACA) WHICH IS BEING PROPOSED, IS TO GIVE IT A MORE ACCURATE DESCRIPTION AS AN AGENCY TO ELIMINATE CORRUPTION, THE PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID.

REPLYING TO SENATOR V.V. ABOO, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EXPLAINED THAT THE BILL TO CHANGE THE NAME WAS BEING TABLED IN THE SENATE.

HE SAID THAT ON THE WHOLE THE GOVERNMENT WAS SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE NBI IN DEALING WITH CORRUPTION CASES.

IN FACT, THE NBI HAS BEEN AND IS MOVING ACTIVELY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN ITS EFFORTS TO PREVENT AS WELL AS INVESTIGATE CORRUPTION CASES, THUS RESULTING IN THE ARRESTS OF PEOPLE AND GROUPS SUSPECTED OF ABUSING THEIR POWERS FOR PERSONAL GAIN, HE ADDED. --BERNAMA MORE 1641/MD

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REFERRING TO THE NBI'S ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE WAY DONATIONS WERE COLLECTED BY THE NEGRİ SEMBILAN PWD CLUB RECENTLY, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE NBI ACTED IN LINE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SERVICE CIRCULAR NO: 19 OF 1969.

THE CIRCULAR, ISSUED IN OCTOBER 1969 PROHIBITS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS FROM SOLICITING FOR DONATIONS FROM FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS TO PAY FOR THEIR SPORTS ACTIVITIES. --BERNAMA 1644/MD