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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 31 (BERNAMA) -- (P) DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS CALLED FOR THE DOUBLING OF EFFORTS TO INSTIL IN THE PEOPLE LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IF SUCH SPIRIT WAS NEGLECTED THE PEOPLE WOULD TEND TO BECOME WEAK TO THE EXTENT OF SUBMITTING TO PERSONEL INTERESTS, WHICH COULD THEN SPELL NATIONAL DISASTER.

OPENING AN EXHIBITION +MALAYSIA KESAYANGANKU+ (MALAYSIA MY BELOVED) AT THE MUZIUM NEGARA HERE, HE SAID HISTORY AND CURRENT EVENTS HAD SHOWN THAT ONCE THE PEOPLE PLACED PERSONAL INTERESTS ABOVE THE NATION'S, THE COUNTRY WOULD BECOME WEAK.

+ON THE CONTRARY IF THE PEOPLE WERE TO PLACE THE NATION'S INTEREST AT HEART, IT IS NOT ONLY THE COUNTRY BUT ALSO THE PEOPLE WHO WILL BE PROSPEROUS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ADDED THAT MALAYSIA WAS FREE BECAUSE OF THE LOVE FOR IT SHOWN BY ITS PEOPLE. -- BERNAMA MORE 2047/AI

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HE SAID RAPID DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE MEANINGLESS IF THE PEOPLE WERE DEVOID OF LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY.

+LOVING THE COUNTRY IS ONE OF THE ASPECTS OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT AND AN IMPORTANT DIMENSION IN DEVELOPMENT AND IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT NATION-LOVING IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF FAITH.+

HE CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO BE GRATEFUL AS MALAYSIA IS ENDOWED WITH GOOD FORTUNE.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE A GREAT LOSS IF THERE WERE PEOPLE WHO WERE UNGRATEFUL AND WHO BELITTLED THEIR OWN COUNTRY TO THE EXTENT OF DESTROYING WHAT HAD BEEN BUILT OVER THE YEARS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD DEMONSTRATE THEIR GRATITUDE BY STRIVING TO MAKE THE NATION STRONG AND RESPECTED BY OTHERS. -- BERNAMA MORE 2052/AI

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+TOWARDS THIS END WE SHOULD WORK HARD AND UPGRADE OUR CAPABILITY, NOT FOR SELF INTEREST BUT TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTRY WILL NOT BE DESTROYED AT ONE STROKE.+

HE SAID FOR THE PEOPLE TO BE PROGRESSIVE THEY SHOULD HAVE HIGH SOCIAL VALUES BASED ON THE FIVE PRINCIPLES OF THE RUKUNEGARA.

THE RUKUNEGARA, HE WAS, DOES NOT RUN COUNTER WITH ANY RELIGIOUS BELIEF AND IF SINCERELY UPHELD WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE STABILITY OF THE COUNTRY IN TERMS ITS POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO STRESSED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONALISM ADDING THAT NO NATION HAD ACHIEVED ITS INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT IT. -- BERNAMA 2054/AI