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Kuantan, April 9 (BERNAMA)--DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD
TODAY REMINDED THE PEOPLE ABOUT CERTAIN GROUPS WHICH ARE USING
THE GENERAL ELECTION AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCITE THEM TO HATE THE
GOVERNMENT.

THESE GROUPS, HE SAID, WERE ALSO APPEALING TO RACIAL SEN-
TIMENTS OF HATRED FOR OTHERS.

THE PRIME MINISTER WARNED ABOUT THE DANGERS OF SUCH PROPAGANDA
AS IT WAS AIMED AT TURNING THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT.

OPENING THE \$33.2 MILLION 32-KM KUANTAN BY-PASS NEAR HERE,
HE SAID SUCH MEANS WAS TO ACHIEVE THEIR OWN ELECTION AS MPS OR
ASSEMBLYMEN.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WARNED THAT ACTIONS SUCH AS INCITING
THE PEOPLE'S FEELINGS WOULD THREATEN PEACE AND STABILITY.

--BERNAMA MORE 1138/AH

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HE SAID THAT THE COUNTRY COULD NOT AFFORD THE TURMOIL OF INS-
TABILITY, AND THE PEOPLE SHOULD THEREFORE WATCH OUT FOR THESE
GROUPS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REMINDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO INCI-
DENTS SUCH AS MAY 13, 1969.

+THE PEOPLE OF VARIOUS RACES HAVE, FOR CENTURIES, LIVED IN
PEACE, AND THEY SHOULD CONTINUE TO DO SO,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT THESE PEOPLE INCITED HATRED FOR RACE BY SPREADING
STORIES AND CLAIMS SUCH AS THAT THEY WERE CHAMPIONING THE CAUSE
OF A CERTAIN RACE.

THE PRIME MINISTER DESCRIBED THEIR PROMISES AS MERE CLAIMS
WHICH WERE OF NO VALUE.--BERNAMA MORE 1148/AH

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR REMINDED THE PEOPLE THAT THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING GENERAL ELECTIONS WITHIN A DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM WAS TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN HEEDS THE HOPES AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE.

+IF A GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HEED OR FULFIL THE PEOPLE'S DESIRE, A GENERAL ELECTION WILL GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO THROW OUT THE GOVERNMENT,+ HE SAID.

HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED THAT THE PEOPLE WERE AWARE THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAD MET THE PEOPLE'S WISHES TO A LARGE EXTENT ALTHOUGH IT WOULD CONTINUE WITH ITS ENDEAVOURS.

+THIS GOES TO SHOW THAT THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE ALL ALONG HAS BEEN THE RIGHT ONE,+ HE SAID.

HE HOPED THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT PLACE THE FUTURE OF THEIR CHILDREN BY ASSOCIATING WITH PARTIES WHICH HAD NOT PROVEN THEIR ABILITIES TO DELIVER WHAT THEY PROMISE.

--BERNAMA MORE 1208/AH

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THE PRIME MINISTER REMINDED THE PEOPLE TO BE ALWAYS AWARE OF THIS AND TO REMEMBER THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS SPENDING MILLIONS OF RINGGIT TO BRING DEVELOPMENT TO THEM.

HE SAID THAT FOR PAHANG AND THE EAST COAST STATES, THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT ONLY LAUNCHED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS BUT HAD PLANS FOR SEVERAL GIANT PROJECTS FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

THE PLAN INCLUDE IMPROVEMENTS TO COMMUNICATION LINKS WITH THE WEST COAST SO THAT THE EAST COAST IS NOT SEPARATED BY MOUNTAINS AND THE PEOPLE NEED NOT FEEL ISOLATED.

PROJECTS ALREADY COMPLETED INCLUDE THE KUALA LUMPUR-KARAK HIGHWAY, THE SEGAMAT HIGHWAY, THE PORT AND AIRPORT EXTENSIONS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD ALLOCATED \$200 MILLION TO REPAIR THE KUANTAN PORT AND ADD TO ITS FACILITIES.

--BERNAMA MORE 1231/AH

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THERE ARE PROPOSALS WHICH WILL CREATE EMPLOYMENT AND COMMERCIAL OPENINGS TO BUMIPUTRAS AND THEIR COLLEAGUES FROM THE OTHER RACES SUCH AS AN ELECTRIC RAIL LINK BETWEEN Kuantan AND Kuala Lumpur.

THERE IS ALSO A PROJECT TO LINK THE OIL SUPPLY DEPOT IN Chukai, Trengganu BY HIGHWAY TO Kuantan AND THENCE TO Kuala Lumpur.

Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir, who was earlier given a rousing welcome at Kuantan Airport, said the opening of this by-pass was a symbol of the intensive development going on in Pahang and the East Coast States.

His wife, Datin Seri Dr. Siti Hasmah, and Menteri Besar Datuk Haji Abdul Rashid Abdul Rahman were also present.

Later, Datuk Seri Dr. Mahathir met Barisan Nasional leaders and election workers behind closed doors at the Menteri Besar's residence.--BERNAMA MORE 1240/AH

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AFTER THE MEETING, THE PRIME MINISTER JOINED OTHER MUSLIMS FOR Friday prayers at the Sultan Ahmad (1) Mosque.

His party will leave for Jerantut this afternoon.
--BERNAMA 1241/AH