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BUKIT MERTAJAM, APRIL 12 (BERNAMA)--PRIME MINISTER, (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, TODAY REMINDED THE PEOPLE NOT TO BE TOO EASILY INFLUENCED BY THE +POLITICS OF FEAR+ PRACTICED BY OPPOSITION LEADERS TO GAIN SUPPORT.

HE SAID THAT THESE LEADERS WERE PREPARED TO FAN NARROW THE RACIAL SENTIMENTS TO FIRE THE PEOPLE'S FEELINGS TO HATE THE GOVERNMENT ALTHOUGH THEY KNEW THAT THEY COULD NOT DO BETTER THAN THE GOVERNMENT.

+AS SUCH, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE THINK OF OUR FUTURE. DO WE WANT OUR PROBLEMS TO BE GIVEN THE FULL ATTENTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OR ARE WE JUST GOING TO ENJOY LISTENING TO PEOPLE CONDEMNING THE GOVERNMENT...+ HE ADDED

OPENING THE JAJAR DAM IN PERMATANG PAUH HERE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT NEEDED A NEW MANDATE FROM THE PEOPLE IN THE GENERAL ELECTION TO ENABLE IT TO CONTINUE TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY AND IMPROVE THE FUTURE OF THE PEOPLE.

HE STRESSED THAT THE CORNERSTONE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S STRUGGLE WAS TO GIVE FULL SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE AND NOT TO MAKE USE OF THE POWERS GIVEN TO IT TO BECOME PROUD. --BERNAMA MORE 2058/OM

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+WITH THE POWERS GIVEN TO US, WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO OVERCOME ALL PROBLEMS BUT IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO SAY THAT IF THEY ARE CHOSEN THEY CAN VOICE PROBLEMS, THEN ALL THEY CAN DO IS TO VOICE PROBLEMS BUT THE PROBLEMS DO NOT GO AWAY,+ HE STRESSED.

HE REITERATE HIS AIM TO MAKE MALAYSIA A COUNTRY OF PROGRESS WHERE THE RICHES ARE ENJOYED BY THE PEOPLE OF ALL RACES.

+I DO NOT SEE WHY THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY MUST SUFFER, UNLESS THE ADMINISTRATION WE PRACTICE BECOMES TOPSY-TURVY,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT THE ENCOURAGEMENT GIVEN BY THE GOVERNMENT TOWARDS SETTING UP OF INDUSTRIES NOT ONLY BENEFITED THE PEOPLE IN TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT BUT THEY ALSO INCREASED THE COUNTRY'S REVENUE THROUGH COLLECTION OF TAXES.

FOR EVERY \$1 PROFIT OBTAINED BY THE COMPANIES IN THE COUNTRY, BETWEEN 40 AND 45 CENTS COLLECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT IN THE FORM OF TAX. --BERNAMA MORE 2104/OM

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S BORROWING, LOCALLY AND OVERSEAS, WAS TOO MUCH. THE GOVERNMENT ONLY BORROWED WHAT IT NEEDED TO PAY FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY, HE SAID.

+THE READINESS OF LOAN INSTITUTIONS IN THE COUNTRY OR OVERSEAS TO PROVIDE LOANS TO MALAYSIA SHOWS THAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF REPAYING AND WE CAN BE TRUSTED, HE STRESSED. --BERNAMA 2107/OM