

KUBANG PASU (SPECIAL REPORT)  
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ALOR STAR, MAY 20 (BERNAMA) -- KUBANG PASU, A DISTRICT IN KEDAH NOW WELL-KNOWN AS THE CONSTITUENCY OF PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, IS EXPECTED TO BECOME MORE FAMOUS IN TERMS OF CLEANLINESS, BEAUTY AND TRANQUILITY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WANTS TO MAKE KUBANG PASU A MODEL FOR OTHER PLACES IN THIS ASPECT AND HAS ASKED FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE TO MAKE THAT DREAM A REALISATION.

AT A MEETING WITH THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT RECENTLY, HE ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION TO SEE THE PLACE CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL AND THE PEOPLE LIVE IN PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

HE WANTS TO SEE COMPOUNDS OF HOUSES PLANTED WITH TREES AND PLANTS AND UNSIGHTLY BUSHES AND LALLANG REMOVED.

"I WILL FEEL PROUD TO REPRESENT AN AREA THAT IS CLEAN, BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL," HE TOLD MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE AT A BARISAN NASIONAL THANKSGIVING. -- BERNAMA MORE 1226/LK

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO SAID HE WAS NOT PLEASED TO SEE PLACES LIKE COMPOUNDS OF MOSQUES, COMMUNITY CENTRES AND OPEN SPACES NOT BEEN TENDED TO.

WHAT HE REALLY LIKES TO SEE IS THAT THE PEOPLE ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE KUBANG PASU A MODEL FOR OTHER PLACES TO FOLLOW.

TO BECOME A MODEL OF GOOD LIVING REQUIRES A GOOD ECONOMIC POSITION AND THUS THE PRIME MINISTER HOPES THE PEOPLE WILL INVOLVE THEMSELVES ACTIVELY IN SMALL INDUSTRIES SUCH AS PROCESSING CANE, ROTAN, CLAY AND TAILORING.

THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENCOURAGE SUCH INDUSTRIES IN AREAS LIKE KUBANG PASU WHERE A LOT OF THE RAW MATERIALS CAN BE FOUND.

THE QUESTION NOW IS WHETHER THE PEOPLE OF THE DISTRICT ARE READY TO RESPOND TO THE CALL OF THEIR LEADER. -- BERNAMA MORE 1229/LK

## KUBANG PASU 3 ALOR STAR (SPECIAL REPORT)

DATUK HAJI OSMAN AROFF, THE STATE ASSEMBLYMAN FOR JITRA -- ONE OF THE TWO STATE CONSTITUENCIES IN KUBANG PASU -- FEELS THAT THE PEOPLE IN THE AREA HAVE RESPONDED TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S CALL.

HE SAYS THE TASK OF MAKING KUBANG PASU CLEAN, BEAUTIFUL AND TRANQUIL IS A JOINT RESPONSIBILITY AT ALL LEVELS, INVOLVING GOVERNMENT OFFICERS, POLITICAL AND COMMUNITY LEADERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

DATUK OSMAN SAYS THE FIRST, AND MOST IMPORTANT, STEP IS TO BEAUTIFY GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN THE DISTRICT.

THIS WILL 'OPEN UP THE EYES' OF THE PUBLIC AND ALSO SET AN EXAMPLE TO THE PEOPLE.

THE SECOND STEP, HE SAYS, IS TO LAUNCH A BIG CAMPAIGN TO EXPLAIN THE IDEAS OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE CAMPAIGN SHOULD INVOLVE SEVERAL LEVELS SUCH AS THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT, THE VARIOUS PARTIES AND KAMPUNG HEADS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1233/LK

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"IF THE PEOPLE REALLY UNDERSTAND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THEIR LEADER, THEY WILL CERTAINLY SHOW ENCOURAGING RESPONSE," HE ADDS. HE SAYS THAT EVERYONE SHOULD REALISE THAT A CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL COMPOUND WILL ALSO MEAN A CLEAN AND BEAUTIFUL HOME.

DATUK OSMAN FEELS THAT THE ATTAINMENT OF THE ASPIRATIONS WILL TAKE TIME BUT WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS THAT "IT MUST BEGIN".

IF A RESIDENT BEGINS TO BEAUFITY HIS COMPOUND, IT IS CERTAIN THAT HIS NEIGHBOURS WILL FOLLOW SUIT AND THE PROCESS WILL GO ON, HE ADDS.

ONE WAY OF SPEEDING UP THE EFFORTS, HE SAYS, IS TO HOLD "BEAUTIFUL KAMPUNGS" OR "BEAUTIFUL HOMES" COMPETITIONS. --  
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ANOTHER WAY IS TO INVOLVE ALL THE PEOPLE IN VOLUNTARY WORK TO MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF THEIR AREAS.

DATUK OSMAN, WHO IS ALSO A STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR, SAYS THAT THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS PART WILL LOOK AFTER THE CLEANLINESS OF ROADS AND BUILDINGS.

IN FACT, EVEN BEFORE THE PRIME MINISTER HAD VOICED HIS ASPIRATIONS, THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAD TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO PLANT TREES TO BEAUTIFY THE TOWN.

"UNFORTUNATELY, THE TREES DIED BECAUSE THEY WERE ATTACKED BY PESTS," KUBANG PASU DISTRICT OFFICER JAMIL JAMALUDDIN SAYS.

HE HOPES THAT THE PEOPLE WILL BE CIVIC-CONSCIOUS AND HELP TO LOOK AFTER THE TREES PLANTED IN FRONT OF THEIR HOMES BY WATERING THE PLANTS. -- BERNAMA MORE 1237/LK

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IN ADDITION, HE HOPES THAT THE PEOPLE WILL HELP TO CLEAR THE LALLANG GROWING WIDLY IN THEIR AREAS, EVEN THOUGH THIS IS THE WORK OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

"THIS SPIRIT OF HELPING TO BEAUTIFY THE TOWN MUST BE INSTILLED AMONG THE PEOPLE TO ENSURE THE ATTAINMENT OF THE ASPIRATIONS EXPRESSED BY THE PRIME MINISTER," HE SAID.

ENCIK JAMIL ALSO URGES THE PEOPLE TO BEGIN GROWING PLANTS THAT CAN BRING THEM BENEFIT SUCH AS MANGO, TAPIOCA AND ORCHIDS.

MEANWHILE, A RESIDENT OF JITRA, ENCIK SAAD BIN TAIB, SAYS HE IS EXCITED ABOUT THE PRIME MINISTER'S IDEAS.

"IF THE ASPIRATIONS ARE ATTAINED, NOT ONLY WITH DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR BE PROUD TO REPRESENT KUBANG PASU, BUT I ALSO WILL BE PROUD TO BE PART OF IT," HE SAYS. -- BERNAMA 1240/LK