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JITRA, JUNE 17 (BERNAMA)--⁸³ (P) DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE GOVERNMENT'S CURRENT AUSTERITY DRIVE IS AIMED AT ACCELERATING THE PACE OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOR THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THAT BY TAKING THIS MOVE, THE COUNTRY'S FUTURE WOULD FURTHER IMPROVE AND THE ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH DECLINED SLIGHTLY AS A RESULT OF THE DECLINING WORLD ECONOMY WOULD BE ABLE TO RECOVER FASTER.

SPEAKING AT A THANKSGIVING ON THE SUCCESS OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL IN THE RECENT GENERAL ELECTION IN HIS PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY OF KUBANG PASU AT PEKAN TANAH MERAH NEAR HERE TODAY, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS FORCED TO DELAY THOSE PROJECTS CONSIDERED UNIMPORTANT IN ORDER TO SAVE ON GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE.

HE ASSURED THAT THOSE PROJECTS WHICH IMPROVED THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS OF THE PEOPLE WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS PLANNED THOUGH THERE MIGHT BE A SLIGHT DELAY.--BERNAMA MORE 1555/AH

HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO WORK HARDER SO THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY AND RESPECTED BY OTHERS.

HE SAID HARD WORK AND HAPPINESS WERE RELATED. BECAUSE OF THIS, HE URGED THEM TO UNDERTAKE SMALL INDUSTRIES IN ADDITION TO THEIR MAIN OCCUPATION TO SUPPLEMENT THEIR INCOME.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT PLANNED TO SET UP SMALL INDUSTRIES IN THE RURAL AREAS FOR THE SAME PURPOSE.

BESIDES HARD WORK, THE PEOPLE SHOULD ALSO BE DISCIPLINED.
--BERNAMA MORE 1600/AH

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT INCREASING INCOME DID NOT MEAN THAT THE PERSON WOULD BECOME GREEDY BECAUSE OF HIS WEALTH BUT THE EXTRA INCOME WOULD ENABLE HIM TO FULFIL HIS RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS SUCH AS TO PERFORM THE HAJ.

HE STRESSED THAT WEALTH-SEEKING WAS ALSO ENCOURAGED BY ISLAM AND DID NOT GO AGAINST THE RELIGION.

ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PLAN TO MAKE KUBANG PASU A MODEL DISTRICT, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT BESIDES SETTING UP SMALL INDUSTRIES, THE PEOPLE WOULD ALSO BE ENCOURAGED TO MAINTAIN THE CLEANLINESS OF THEIR SURROUNDINGS.

HE URGED THE PEOPLE TO TAKE A SERIOUS VIEW ON CLEANLINESS AS IT WAS CONSISTENT WITH ISLAM. --BERNAMA 1602/AH

LATER, SPEAKING AT A MEETING WITH RESIDENTS OF MALAU MUKIM, ABOUT 15 KM FROM HERE, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR CALLED FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE DISCIPLINARY ATTITUDE AMONG LEADERS FROM THE HIGHEST TO THE LOWEST LEVELS.

SUCH AN ATTITUDE HAD BROUGHT ELECTORAL SUCCESS TO BN CANDIDATES AND SHOULD BE ENTRENCHED IN ALL LEVELS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS.

HE ALSO CALLED FOR ERADICATION OF ALL DIVISIVE ELEMENTS IN THE COUNTRY TO ENABLE THE PEOPLE TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR FORCES IN DEVELOPING THEIR AREAS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE CHOOSY ABOUT JOBS BUT SHOULD CARRY OUT WORK SUITED TO THEIR ABILITIES.

HE WARNED THAT A CHOOSY ATTITUDE WOULD SEE OPPORTUNITIES FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF UNDESIRABLE GROUPS. --BERNAMA MORE 2100/MD

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THERE WERE AMPLE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY AND IT WAS ONLY LEFT TO THE PEOPLE'S RESOLVE TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION.

THERE WAS NO WORK WHICH WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT NO MATTER HOW DIFFICULT OR HARD.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR URGED THE YOUNG TO DISCARD SLOTHFUL ATTITUDES, SAYING THEIR INDUSTRIOUSNESS WOULD BENEFIT NOT JUST THEMSELVES BUT ALSO THE COUNTRY AND RELIGION. --BERNAMA 2101/MD