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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 12 (BERNAMA) <sup>10</sup> THE ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCY (ACA) IS INVESTIGATING 1,913 CASES SINCE JANUARY TO SEPTEMBER THIS YEAR, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TOLD PARLIAMENT TODAY.

HE SAID THIS REPRESENTED 428 MORE CASES COMPARED WITH THE WHOLE OF LAST YEAR.

THE CASES BEING INVESTIGATED WERE IN CONNECTION WITH OFFENCES UNDER ORDINANCE 22 (ESSENTIAL POWERS) EMERGENCY, 1970, PENAL CODE, POLICE ACT 1967 AND CUSTOMS ACT 1967.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT WITH THE CHANGE OF NAME FROM THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATIONS TO ACA, THE AGENCY HAD MANAGED TO CARRY OUT ITS TASK MORE EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY.

HE WAS ANSWERING ORAL QUESTIONS FROM ENCIK LEE LAM THYE (DAP - KUALA LUMPUR BANDAR) AND DR. TAN SENG GIAN (DAP - KEPONG) WHO WANTED TO KNOW THE SUCCESS OF THE ACA SO FAR IN ERADICATING CORRUPT PRACTICES.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID LAST YEAR OF THE 1,351 CASES INVESTIGATED 1,004 WERE UNDER THE PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION ACT 1961, 47 UNDER ORDINANCE 22 (ESSENTIAL POWERS) EMERGENCY, 113 CASES UNDER THE PENAL CODE AND TWO UNDER THE CUSTOMS ACT 1967.

ANOTHER 185 CASES WERE STILL TO BE DETERMINED UNDER WHICH LAWS TO BE CATEGORISED. - MORE 1955/BW

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HE SAID THAT THE ACA WAS CONTINUING TO GET THE CONFIDENCE AND THE COOPERATION FROM THE PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR EMPHASISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE FULL ATTENTION TO EFFORTS IN ERADICATING ALL FORMS OF CORRUPT PRACTICES IN THE COUNTRY TO ENSURE A TRULY CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY ADMINISTRATION.

TOWARDS THIS END THE ACA HAD TAKEN SEVERAL STEPS TO STRENGTHEN ITSELF INCLUDING THE SETTING UP OF NEW BRANCHES IN KANGAR, TAIPING, MUAR AND RAUB.

ACA HE ADDED ALSO CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TRAINING TO ALL CATEGORIES OF ITS STAFF INCLUDING IN-SERVICE COURSES LOCALLY AS WELL AS FURTHER STUDIES ABROAD.

UNDER THESE IN SERVICES COURSES HE SAID EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF VARIOUS LAWS, REGULATIONS AND GOVERNMENT DIRECTIVES. IT ALSO EMPHASISED ON RELIGIOUS VALUES AND CONCENTRATED ON BUILDING THE INDIVIDUAL'S CHARACTER, HIS EXPERTISE AND CAPABILITY IN EFFECTIVELY CARRYING OUT THE HEAVY RESPONSIBILITY ENTRUSTED TO HIM. - MORE 1958/BW

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE 333 VACANCIES IN THE ACA WILL BE FILLED AS SOON AS THE NATIONAL ECONOMY IMPROVES IN FUTURE.

THE ACA NOW HAD 777 OFFICERS AND OTHER STAFF. - BERNAMA  
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