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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 8 (BERNAMA) - DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY TOOK TO TASK MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVES IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS WHO HAD DISHONoured THE TRUST PLACED IN THEM TO MANAGE THEIR DEPARTMENT OR ORGANIZATION.

THE UNSCRUPULOUSNESS OF THESE EXECUTIVES, BE THEY IN A STATUTORY BODY, GOVERNMENT CORPORATION OR PRIVATE FIRM, HAD LED TO VARIOUS MALPRACTICES OCCURRING IN THEIR ORGANIZATION OR COMPANY.

HE SAID THEY HAD NOT ONLY RUINED THE INSTITUTION ENTRUSTED TO THEM TO MANAGE BUT ALSO BROUGHT A BAD NAME TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND CAUSED SOCIETY TO THINK THAT MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY JUST COULD NOT BE TRUSTED.

EXPRESSING HIS DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT WITH SUCH INDIVIDUALS, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THEIR DOINGS WERE A CRIME AGAINST THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY.

HE WARNED OF FIRM GOVERNMENT ACTION, WHETHER THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATIVE OR LEGAL PROCESS, AGAINST SUCH PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MADE THE STATEMENTS WHEN OPENING THE FEDERAL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (FELDA) HEADQUARTERS HERE.

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+PERHAPS THESE PEOPLE THOUGH THEIR ACTIONS WOULD GO UNDETECTED BUT SONNER OR LATER THEIR WRONGDOINGS WOULD BE EXPOSED,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID THAT BY THEN, IT WOULD BE TOO LATE FOR THEM TO SEEK PROTECTION FROM CERTAIN PERSONALITIES WHO MIGHT BE CLOSE TO THEM.

THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT MANAGEMENT OF AN ORGANIZATION WAS AN EASY TASK FOR THE HONEST EXECUTIVE BECAUSE ONLY TWO QUALITIES, INTEGRITY AND DEDICATION, WERE REQUIRED.

HE ADVISED PEOPLE LACKING THESE REQUIREMENTS TO AVOID ANY MANAGEMENT POSITION BECAUSE THEIR INVOLVEMENT WOULD ONLY BRING PROBLEMS AND FAILURE TO THEIR ORGANIZATION.

ON FELDA, HE SAID THAT WHILE THE AGENCY ITSELF HAD ACHIEVED SATISFACTORY SUCCESS, THERE WAS GROWTH OF AN UNHEALTHY ATTITUDE AMONG SOME SETTLERS.

THESE SETTLERS HAVE AN OVERLY DEPENDENT ATTITUDE TOWARDS FELDA AND BLAME THE AGENCY AND THE GOVERNMENT FOR WHAT ARE ALSO THEIR OWN SHORTCOMINGS WHILE SOME AMONG THEM REGARD THE GOVERNMENT AS A WELFARE BODY FROM WHICH SERVICES ARE FREE AND LOANS NEED NOT BE REPAYED.+

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THERE WERE ALSO SOME SETTLERS WHO ADOPTED A MANAGEMENT AND NOT A WORKER POSITION, PAYING OTHERS TO DO THE LABOUR THAT THEY SHOULD DO.

HE REGRETTED THIS ATTITUDE BECAUSE IT WOULD MAKE MALAYSIANS A WEAK PEOPLE WHO HAD LOST THEIR SELF-RESPECT.

"A COUNTRY WHOSE PEOPLE CANNOT ACCEPT THE NECESSITY OF WORK HARD FOR SUCCESS WILL BE LEFT BEHIND BY ITS COMPETITORS,+ HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID POLICIES TO INTENSIFY INDUSTRIALIZATION AND DIVERSIFY AGRICULTURAL OUTPUT WERE AIMED AT MITIGATING THE CONSEQUENCES OF MALAYSIA'S DEPENDENCE ON CERTAIN COUNTRIES TO BUY A FEW TYPES OF HER PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.

ON THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC RECESSION, HE SAID ITS EFFECTS ON THE COUNTRY WERE NOT AS DELETERIOUS AS IN OTHER COUNTRIES. -- MORE  
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"THE EXPERIENCE HOWEVER SHOULD SERVE TO TEACH US THAT WE MUST INCREASE OUR PRODUCTIVITY AND STRENGTHEN OUR RESILIENCE IN ALL -- AREAS,+ HE SAID.

HE URGED WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY TO BE MORE INDUSTRIOUS, DISCIPLINED AND DEDICATED AND TO ADVOCATE AND ADOPT HONOURABLE VALUES FOR THE MAKING OF A HAPPY, PROSPEROUS AND RESPECTED MALAYSIAN NATION. -- BERNAMA 1425/HM