

MAHATHIR - MONARCHY
BM

83 P.
KUCHING, DEC. 10 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD REMINDED THE PEOPLE TODAY THAT THEY WOULD NOT BENEFIT ANYTHING IF THE COUNTRY IS GOVERNED BY A DICTATOR.

+IN FACT, SUCH A GOVERNMENT WILL NOT CARE WHETHER OR NOT THE RAKYAT RECEIVE ANY BENEFIT,+ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

+THE SAME THING HAPPENS IN AN ABSOLUTE MONARCHY. THE INTERESTS OF THE RAKYAT WILL NOT BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.+

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE OF A SHOPPING COMPLEX HERE, HE SAID UNDER THE SYSTEM BEING PRACTISED IN MALAYSIA, THE INTERESTS AND ASPIRATIONS OF THE RAKYAT WERE A MATTER OF PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

THE SYSTEM GAVE THE POWERS TO THE PEOPLE TO ELECT THE DEWAN RAKYAT, WITH THE YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG AS HEAD OF NATION.

SIMILARLY AT THE STATE LEVEL THE PEOPLE WERE GIVEN THE POWERS TO ELECT THEIR STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES WITH THE RULERS OR YANG DIPERTUAS NEGERI AS HEAD OF STATE. --BERNAMA 1707/MD