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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 21 (BERNAMA)-THE COUNTRY WILL SOON HAVE ANOTHER CITY, NEAR JANDA BAIK IN PAHANG ABOUT 30 KM FROM KUALA LUMPUR, (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD) SAID TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE NEW CITY, WHICH WOULD BE 450 METRES ABOVE SEA LEVEL? WOULD BE A TWIN CITY WLTH KUALA LUMPUR.

DEVELOPMENT WOULD BEGIN SOON AND AS IN THE CASE OF KUALA LUMPUR, ITS DEVELOPMENT WOULD BE CONTINUAL.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE NEW CITY WOULD BE BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF A GARDEN CITY AND ITS RESIDENTS WOULD ENJOY THE COOL AIR AS IT WAS SITUATED IN A HILLY AREA.

EVEN IF WE HAVE INDUSTRISE THERE WE INTEND TO HAVE CLEAN INDUSTRIES AND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE WE WILL RETAIN THE THREES AND THE FOREST RESERVE THERE. ALL DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FOREST AND THE ENVIRONMENT, + HE SAID.--MORE 1708/HM  
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THE-PRIME MINISTER SAID THE CITY, WHICH WOULD BE DISTRICT OF-THE FEDERAL TERRITORY, HAD SEEN PLANNED EARLIER AND THE CABINET HAD AGREED TO ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT WITH THE PAHANG GOVERNMENT AND AS THE AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED7 THE GOVERNMENT HAD FROZEN ALL LAND MATTERS THERE, HE SAID.

A TASK FORCE, HEADED BY FEDERAL TERRITORY MINISTER DATUK SHAHRXR ABDUL SAMAD, HAD BEEN FORMED.

HE SAID THAT THE COST OF DEVELOPING T HE CITY WAS B E I N G WORKED OUT BUT ITWOULD HAVE PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

DATUK SERI DR-MAHATHIR SAID THE NEW CITY WAS BEING DEVELOPED AS THE LAND IN THE FEDERAL TERRITORY WAS INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE INCREASED DEMAND AND BECAUSE THE PRICES LF LAND IN KUALA LUMPUR HAD RISEN TOO RAPIDLY.

WITH THE BUILDING OF THE NEW CITY, THE COUNTRY WILL HAVE THREE CITIES UNDER THE FEDERAL TERRITORY, THE THIRD BEING LABUAN WHICH WILL BE DECLARED A DISTRICT OF THE FEDERAL TERRITORY ON APRIL 15. -- BERNAMA 1750/MB