

MAHATHIR R' R' R'
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P U L A U P I N A N G, M A Y 1 3 (B E R N A M A) -- THE PRESENT RAPID PACE OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRY CANNOT BE STOPPED FOR AWHILE TO ENABLE MALAYS, WHO HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND, TO CATCH UP, (DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD- SAID TODAY.

HE SAID THERE WAS NO POWER THAT COULD STOP THE TEMPO OF DEVELOPMENT AND IF THE GOVERNMENT WERE TO DO IT, IT WOULD NOT ONLY MEAN A LOSS TO THE NATION BUT ALSO AFFECT THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE MALAYS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT ON THE OTHER HAND THE MALAYS MUST ACCEPT DEVELOPMENT AND ADOPT MODERN VALUES WHICH COULD HELP BRING THEM PROGRESS.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS OPENING THE PULAU PINANG UMNO CONVENTION AT A HOTEL IN TELUK BAHANG HERE.

HE SAID THAT TOWARDS THIS END THE GOVERNMENT HAD MADE EFFORTS TO INSTIL ISLAMIC VALUES IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND HAD STRESSED ON HARD WORK AND TEAM SPIRIT. XT HAD ALSO FORMULATED THE LOOK EAST POLICY-- AND HAD LAUNCHED THE LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE CAMPAIGN.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR HOPED THE MALAYS IN PULAU PINANG WOULD UNDERSTAND THE REALITIES OF THE SITUATION AND ACCEPT MODERN VALUES TO BRING ABOUT THEIR OWN PROGRESS ALONG TO BE ON PAR WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES.

THE MALAYS IN PULAU PINANG, HE SAID, SHOULD NOT JUST MOURN THEIR UNFORTUNATE POSITION BUT SHOULD DO SOMETHING TO CHANGE THE SITUATION

HE SAID THE MALAY COMMUNITY IN PULAU PINANG MUST REALISE THAT A LOT OF CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENT WERE TAKING PLACE AROUND THEM AND SHOULD DISCARD THEIR TRADITIONAL WAYS OF EARNING A LIVING SUCH AS BY BECOMING FISHERMEN.

+ IN THIS MODERN ERA THEY CANNOT ISOLATE THEMSELVES FROM MODERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FOR NO MAN IS AN ISLAND +.

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HE SAID WHETHER ANYONE LIKED IT OR NOT HE WAS BOUND TO BE SWEEPED ALONG BY THE CURRENT OF MODERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

IN VIEW OF THIS, THE MALAY COMMUNITY HERE MUST TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE EXPANSION OF THE STATE'S ECONOMY PARTICULARLY WHEN THE PULAU PINANG BRIDGE PROJECT WAS COMPLETED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE MALAYS WOULD HAVE A PLACE IN THE STATE'S DEVELOPMENT AND BELIEVED THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONSIDER THEIR REQUESTS IF THEY WERE REASONABLE.

HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE AND HOPED UMNO MEMBERS WOULD PLAY ITS ROLE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS UMNO PRESIDENT, SAID THE DUTIES OF UMNO MEMBERS WERE NOT LIMITED TO VOICING THE PEOPLE'S REQUESTS AT CONVENTIONS BUT ALSO PROVIDING IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE POSITION OF THE MALAYS. - - BERNAMA 1617/ZCM