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KUALA LUMPUR, MAY 15 (BERNAMA)-- **DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD** HAS STRESSED THE NEED FOR GREATER DISCIPLINE AMONG YOUTHS WHO ARE THE FUTURE LEADERS SO THAT THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE MORE POSITIVELY TO THE NATION.

WITHOUT DISCIPLINE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, THE RESOURCES OF THE YOUTHS COULD NOT BE POOLED AND WITHOUT THEIR RESOURCES THE NATION COULD NOT BE MOTIVATED TOWARDS PROGRESS.

+THE MORE DISCIPLINED THE YOUTHS, THE EASIER IT WILL BE TO TRAIN THEM AND THE MORE VALUABLE WILL BE THEIR CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS THE NATIONS+, HE SAID WHEN LAUNCHING NATIONAL YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE JALAN RAJA MUDA STADIUM HERE.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ASSURED THAT THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS GAVE ATTENTION TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUTHS AND WORKED TOWARDS EQUIPPING THEM WITH THE REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE AND CAPABILITIES.

+GOD WILLING, WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR THE YOUTHS TO TAKE OVER FROM THE ELDERS, THE NATION NEED NOT FEAR BECAUSE THEY WILL BE CAPABLE OF DEVELOPING THE NATION AT A GREATER PACE, + HE SAID, - MORE 1220/PA
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HE SAID STATISTICS SHOWED THAT 76 PER CENT OF THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY WERE THOSE BETWEEN 15 AND 34 YEARS OF AGE.

THEREFORE, THE YOUTHS WERE AN IMPORTANT FORCE IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE THROUGH ASSOCIATIONS AND WELFARE BODIES.

HOWEVER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE SATISFIED BECAUSE THE YOUTH AND THE NATION STILL FACED VARIOUS PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY DADAH ABUSE.

HE SAID DADAH SHOULD BE WIPED OUT BECAUSE IF NOT . IF COULD CAUSE THE DOWNFALL OF THE PEOPLE AND THE HISTORY OF THE RACE WOULD COME TO AN END.--MORE 1258/PA

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HE SAID THAT A RESPONSIBLE YOUTH WOULD NOT ALLOW DADAH TO CRIPPLE SOCIETY.

VICTIMS OF THE DRUG WERE NOT ONLY A BURDEN TO THE FAMILY BUT ALSO TO THE NATION AND THE PEOPLE, HE ADDED.

HE WARNED THAT DADAH ABUSE COULD BRING ABOUT DEATH EVEN BEFORE THE YOUTHS REACHED ADULTHOOD.

HE SAID THAT ASSOCIATIONS SHOULD ENCOURAGE YOUTHS TO BECOME INVOLVED IN THEIR ACTIVITIES AS THIS WOULD KEEP THEM AWAY FROM UNDESIRABLE ACTIVITIES LIKE DADAH ABUSE:

HE ALSO SAID YOUTHS SHOULD BE CLOSE TO THEIR FAMILIES AND NOT ABUSE THE FREEDOM GIVEN TO THEM.

THEY SHOULD ALSO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS ACTIVITIES SO THAT THEY WOULD BE KEPT AWAY FROM UNHEALTHY ACTIVITIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SAID THAT YOUTHS SHOULD BE GIVEN COURSES ON CUSTOM AND TRADITIONS AND THE SENSITIVITIES OF THE VARIOUS RACES.--
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