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PULAU PINANG, AUG. 19 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THAT NEWSPAPERS? IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MAXIMIZE PROFITS, SHOULD NOT RESORT TO PRINTING +HOT+ AND SENSATIONAL -NEWS HAVING NO RELEVANCE TO PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT.

IN HIS CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE NATIONAL ECHO DAILY TABLOID WHICH WAS RE-LAUNCHED HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED THAT NEWSPAPERS MUST MEET THE NEED OF THE PEOPLE FOR ACCURATE AND CONSTRUCTIVE INFORMATION.

HE SAID NEWSPAPER3 WERE GROWING IN IMPORTANCE, PARTICULARLY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIKE MALAYSIA WHERE THEIR ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONTRIBUTION COULD HELP ENHANCE AND EXPEDITE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT.

ON THE TABLOID, HE SAID IT PROVIDED ANOTHER CHANNEL OF INFORMATION TO NEWSPAPER READERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN NORTHERN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA, --BERNAMA