

**MAHATHIR-INFLUENCE**

BM

SONG (SARAWAK), SEPT. 11 (BERNAMA)

**DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED THE PEOPLE IN SARAWAK TO BE WARY OF A CERTAIN GROUP WHICH IS OUT TO SPREAD ITS INFLUENCE IN THE STATE.**

**THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT IF THE GROUP, FROM PENINSULAR MALAYSIA, WAS ALLOWED TO CARRY OUT ITS ACTIVITIES, SARAWAKIANS WOULD SURELY FACE PROBLEMS.**

**+I AM SURE THE PEOPLE OF SARAWAK WILL NOT LET THEMSELVES BE INFLUENCED BY THESE PEOPLE. +**

**+THEY HAVE NO OTHER INTENTION BUT TO CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR SARAWAK, + HE SAID TO MEMBERS OF THE IBAN COMMUNITY DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PEMANCAMANGAI LONGHOUSE IN NANGA ENKUAH NEAR HERE=.**

**THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO SUGGESTED THAT THE LONGHOUSES SCATTERED IN THE STATE BE INTEGRATED INTO SMALL VILLAGES.**

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**THIS WOULD FACILITATE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING ROADS, HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.**

**DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT LONGHOUSES COULD BE CONSTRUCTED ACCORDING TO MODERN TECHNOLOGY WITH THE USE OF BRICKS.**

**THIS COULD BE DONE BY RETAINING THE EXISTING PATTERN OF THE LONGHOUSES AND WITHOUT AFFECTING THE WAY OF LIFE OF THE OCCUPANTS.**

**THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF SETTING UP A DISTRICT HOSPITAL IN SONG AS REQUESTED BY THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA. --BERNAMA**