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KOTABAHARU, NOV. 29 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD WANTS ALL DIRECTIVES FROM MINISTERS OR MINISTRIES TO GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TO BE RESPONDED TO WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THEY ARE ISSUED.

STATING THIS TODAY, INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK RAIS YATIM SAID THE PRIME MINISTER ISSUED THIS DIRECTIVE AT THE WEEKLY CABINET MEETING IN THE FEDERAL CAPITAL YESTERDAY.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A MEETING WITH INFORMATION DEPARTMENT OFFICERS AND STAFF HERE, DATUK RAIS SAID THAT IF THE DIRECTIVES COULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED, EXPLANATIONS AND JUSTIFICATION MUST BE MADE WITHIN FIVE DAYS.

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HE SAID THAT WITH THIS NEW DIRECTIVE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER EVERY HEAD OF DEPARTMENT AND DIVISION SHOULD PROVIDE A FEEDBACK REGARDING THE DIRECTIVES WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD.

HE BELIEVED THAT THE PRIME MINISTER ISSUED THE DIRECTIVE BECAUSE OF REDTAPE WHICH CAUSED SOME OFFICERS TO BE SLOW IN TAKING CERTAIN ACTION.

DATUK RAIS DESCRIBED THE PRIME MINISTER'S DIRECTIVE AS TIMELY AND IN LINE WITH EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A CLEAN, SMOOTH AND ORDERLY ADMINISTRATION.

HE SAID HIS MINISTRY WOULD ENDEAVOUR TO EXTEND THE DIRECTIVE TO ALL STATES AND ASKED THE INFORMATION DEPARTMENT TO PIONEER ACTION TOWARDS THIS END AS IT WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE AGENT OF COMMUNICATION.

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