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JITRA; MAY 11 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD JODAY STRESSED THE NEED FOR A LARGE-SCALE CAMPAIGN TO ENHANCE PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE DANGERS OF DADAH ABUSE.

HE SAID THE PROBLEM HAD GROWN RAPIDLY AND SOME 200,000 PEOPLE, MOSTLY MALAYS, WERE NOW INVOLVED IN DADAH ABUSE.

THE GOVERNMENT TOOK A SERIOUS VIEW OF THE MATTER; HE SAID IN HIS ADJOURNMENT SPEECH AT THE KUBANG PASU UMNO DIVISION DELEGATES CONFERENCE AT THE SULTAN ABDUL HALIM SECONDARY SCHOOL NEAR HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, HOPED THE PARTY ALSO FOLLOWED THE EXAMPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN CARRYING OUT SUCH A CAMPAIGN.

HE ADVISED THE PEOPLE TO NEVER GET INVOLVED IN DADAH IN ANY WAY WHATSOEVER AS THOSE FOUND GUILTY WOULD BE SURELY PUNISHED. --MORE
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ACCORDING TO HIM, ONE OF THE REASONS FOR DADAH ABUSE WAS DETERIORATION IN RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ABUSER AND HIS FAMILY, AND THIS WAS A MATTER THAT SHOULD BE GIVEN ATTENTION.

ON GOVERNMENT STAFF, HE SAID MALAYSIA HAD A LARGE CIVIL SERVICE OF 800,000 WHEN COMPARED WITH ITS POPULATION OF 15 MILLION. --BERNAMA
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