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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 12 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAYS THE NUMBER OF DADAH ADDICTS IN THE COUNTRY WILL DECREASE IF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN REHABILITATED DO NOT RETURN TO THE HABIT.

HE STRESSES THE NEED FOR SOCIETY TO CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE TOWARDS REHABILITATED ADDICTS AND GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO START A NEW LIFE.

SEVERAL REHABILITATED ADDICTS HAVE RETURNED TO DADAH ADDICTION BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REJOIN SOCIETY AND BECOME USEFUL CITIZENS, HE SAYS THIS IN HIS MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE EIGHTH PEMADAM MEETING HERE SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY.

THE MEETING WILL BE OPENED BY DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK MUSA HITAM.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO COMMENDED PEMADAM FOR ITS EFFORTS TO FIGHT THE DADAH MENACE. -- BERNAMA

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