

KUALA TERENGGANU, AUG 14 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY URGED THE PEOPLE TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS INVOLVING THEIR LIVELIHOOD BY CONCENTRATING ON THEIR CHOSEN FIELDS OF ENDEAVOUR IN A DISCIPLINED WAY RATHER THAN ON A PART-TIME BASIS. FOR INSTANCE IN TERENGGANU, THE PEOPLE HAD YET TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM OIL-BASED INDUSTRIES, HE SAID.

THE PEOPLE IN THE STATE SHOULD ALSO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING THE SONGKET AND COPPER INDUSTRIES USING MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND NOT JUST ON A PART-TIME BASIS, HE SAID.

HE WAS OPENING THE TERENGGANU 10-YEAR DEVELOPMENT EXHIBITION AT PADANG HILIRAN HERE THIS EVENING. ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE WERE PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION.

DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI AMAR DIRAJA WAN MOKHTAR AHMAD, DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR YUSUF NOR AND DEPUTY LABOUR MINISTER DATUK HAJI ZAKARIA ABDUL RAHMAN WERE AMONG THOSE PRESENT. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER HIT OUT AT CERTAIN PEOPLE FOR WHAT HE SAID WAS THEIR ATTITUDE OF IDLY WATCHING OTHERS BUSY WORKING AND THEN BECOMING JEALOUS WHEN THE OTHERS BECAME RICH BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WERE ALSO AVAILABLE TO THEM.

+FOR EXAMPLE I GET SAD WHEN I SEE THAT THE SATAY INDUSTRY WHICH ORIGINATED FROM US BECAME A SOURCE OF WEALTH ONLY WHEN IT IS TAKEN UP BY OTHER PEOPLE.+ HE ADDED.

HE ASKED THE PEOPLE WHETHER THEY HAD TAKEN FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE PETROLEUM RESOURCES WHICH WERE FOUND ONLY 272 KM FROM THE SHORES OF THE STATE.

MORE THAN \$5 BILLION HAD BEEN INVESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PETROLEUM AND RELATED INDUSTRIES IN TERENGGANU BY VARIOUS COMPANIES INCLUDING PETRONAS, HE SAID.

HE REGRETTED THE CLAIM THAT ONLY FOREIGN CONTRACTORS WERE BENEFITTING FROM THE INDUSTRY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID LOCAL BUSINESSMEN HAD ALSO BENEFITTED AS COULD BE SEEN FROM THE VARIOUS SHOPS AND BUSINESSES THAT SPRANG UP FOLLOWING THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE STATE IN THE LAST DECADE. -- MORE
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THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MANY OPPORTUNITIES STILL EXISTED FOR THE PEOPLE OF TERENGGANU TO EXPLOIT THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM THE STATE'S PETROLEUM INDUSTRY.

BENEFITS FROM THE INDUSTRY COULD ONLY BE ENJOYED IF THERE WAS CHANGE OF ATTITUDE FROM THE ASPECT OF WORK ETHICS AS WELL AS GIVING PRIORITY TO UPGRADING OF STANDARD, COMPETENCY AND MANAGEMENT OF ALL FACETS OF THE INDUSTRY.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT ON ITS PART HAD SET UP A PETROLEUM TRAINING INSTITUTE AND WAS PREPARED TO PROVIDE OTHER AMENITIES AS WELL AS ENFORCE CONDITIONS AND STRINGENT CONTROL TO ENSURE PETROLEUM RESOURCES WERE MANAGED WISELY FOR OPTIMUM BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE.

APART FROM OIL, TERENGGANU RESIDENTS SHOULD ALSO GO FULL-TIME INTO MAKING OF SONGKET AND COPPER PRODUCTS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MARKETING AND PRODUCTION STRATEGIES FOR THESE ITEMS MUST GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HIGH OUTPUT VOLUME WITH THE AIM OF LOWERING PRICES TO ATTRACT A BIGGER MARKET. --MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOPED THE PEOPLE WHEN VISITING THE EXPO WOULD PAUSE AND LOOK BACK ON THE PAST 10 YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT AND BE GRATEFUL.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE WHO ARE ON A THREE-DAY VISIT TO THE STATE WILL BE GRANTED AN AUDIENCE BY THE SULTAN AT ISTANA BADARIAH HERE TONIGHT AND LATER HAVE DINNER WITH HIM.

TOMORROW DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WILL OPEN THE KERTEH AIRPORT, 128 KM FROM HERE, AND INSPECT THE DERMAGA TIMUR (EAST WHARF) AND A STEEL MILL BEFORE PROCEEDING TO BESUT FOR A MEET-THE-PEOPLE-SESSION.

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