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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 17 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMED TONIGHT URGED THE PRIVATE SECTOR NOT TO BE ENGROSSED ON ERECTING BUILDINGS.

THOUGH A LARGE NUMBER OF BUILDINGS WILL REFLECT THE NATION'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS, THEY WOULD ALSO CREATE PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE LACK OF TENANTS. HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE 23-STORY PLAZA BMF (BORNEO MALAYSIA FINANCE) COSTING \$46 MILLION HERE.

EFFORTS ON THE OTHER HAND SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON BEAUTIFYING BUILDINGS, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

THIS WAS IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT EFFORTS PARTICULARLY THAT OF THE FEDERAL TERRITORY MINISTRY TO TURN THE CAPITAL INTO A GARDEN CITY, HE SAID.

HE NOTED THAT DEVELOPERS WERE NOW REALISING THE IMPORTANCE OF BEAUTIFYING BUILDINGS AND THEIR SURROUNDINGS BY PLANTING TREES. --
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+IN FACT THIS WILL BENEFIT THEM IN THE FORM OF HIGH RENTALS,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO URGED THE PEOPLE PARTICULARLY THOSE LIVING IN THE CITY TO SACRIFICE A LITTLE MONEY TO BEAUTIFY THEIR HOUSE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS SO THAT THEY WOULD LOOK CLEAN AND TIDY.

REFERRING TO THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THEY WERE IMPORTANT TO A NATION WHICH STRIVED FOR PROGRESS.

AS SUCH THE INSTITUTIONS SHOULD ADOPT A POSITIVE APPROACH AND LIVE UP TO THE CONFIDENCE THE PEOPLE HAD PLACED ON THEM.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO HOPED THAT THEY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE IN HANDLING THE PEOPLE'S MONEY ENTRUSTED TO THEM.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WAS THE PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH. -- BERNAMA

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