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KUCHING, AUG 22 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD  
TODAY URGED YOUTH ORGANISATIONS TO MOTIVATE THE PEOPLE TO FACE THE  
CHALLENGE OF CARRYING OUT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

YOUTH ORGANISATIONS SHOULD NOT THINK OF THEIR OWN INTEREST AND  
IMPORTANCE BUT SHOULD STRIVE TO MAKE THE PEOPLE ACCEPT THE PROGRESS  
AND DEVELOPMENT PLANNED BY THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

HE SAID YOUTHS MUST BE BRAVE IN FACING CHALLENGES AND OVERCOME  
OBSTACLES WHICH RETARDED THE DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS OF THE NATION.

HE SAID THIS WHEN OPENING A 20-STOREY BUILDING PUT UP BY  
SABERKAS (SARAWAK UNITED NATIONAL YOUTH ASSOCIATION). THE WISMA  
SABERKAS COST \$70 MILLION.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR URGED YOUTHS TO CHANGE THEIR ATTITUDE AND  
THINKING IN LINE WITH PRESENT TRENDS. -- MORE  
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ONLY WITH NEW ATTITUDES AND THINKING WOULD YOUTHS BE ABLE TO  
MAKE THE PEOPLE WHO WERE STILL ATTUNED TO OLD WAYS OF THINKING  
ACCEPT THE VARIOUS CHANGES FLOODING THE NATION AT PRESENT, HE SAID.

+WE MUST FOLLOW THE CHANGING TIMES, OTHERWISE WE WILL BE LEFT  
BEHIND AND NOT BE ABLE TO COMPETE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES,+ DATUK SERI  
DR MAHATHIR SAID.

YOUTH ASSOCIATIONS MUST PREPARE TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES IN BIGGER  
ENTERPRISES IN VIEW OF THE BETTER RETURNS IN THE LONG RUN RATHER THAN  
CONCENTRATING ON SMALLER ONES, HE SAID.

BEFORE INVOLVING THEMSELVES IN MAJOR ENTERPRISES, HOWEVER, THEY  
MUST EQUIP THEMSELVES WITH ADEQUATE BUSINESS KNOWLEDGE AND  
MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES TO AVOID LOSSES, HE ADDED.

MISMANAGEMENT AND UNTRUSTWORTHINESS WOULD LEAD TO LOSSES AND  
FAILURE OF ANY ENTERPRISE, THE PRIME MINISTER STRESSED. -- MORE  
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#### MAHATHIR 3 KUCHING

THE PRIME MINISTER URGED YOUTH ORGANISATIONS WHICH WERE  
SUCCESSFUL IN THEIR BUSINESS VENTURES TO PLOUGH BACK SOME OF THEIR  
PROFITS TO HELP THE GOVERNMENT DEVELOP THE NATION.

+IT'S NO USE FOR AN ORGANISATION TO SECURE BIG PROFITS FROM ITS  
VENTURES IF THE NATION WAS IN TURMOIL WHICH IN TURN WOULD ADVERSELY  
AFFECT THE BUSINESS OF THE ORGANISATION,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR COMMENDED SARAWAK FOR ITS RAPID PACE OF  
DEVELOPMENT SINCE IT GAINED INDEPENDENCE THROUGH MALAYSIA.

CHIEF MINISTER DATUK PATINGGI HAJI ABDUL TAIB MAHMUD, WHO IS  
ALSO SABERKAS PRESIDENT, SAID THE ORGANISATION HOPED TO UNDERTAKE A  
MAJOR LAND DEVELOPMENT SCHEME IN THE FOURTH DIVISION TO UPGRADE THE  
STANDARD OF LIVING OF YOUTHS IN THE STATE.

ALSO PRESENT WERE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, DATIN  
PATINGGI LAILA TAIB AND OTHER FEDERAL AND STATE DIGNITARIES. --  
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