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ALOR SETAR, AUG 27 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY APPEALED TO THE PEOPLE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO COMMON INTEREST ABOVE SELF-INTEREST AND TO FORGE THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE PEOPLE TO HAVE SOLIDARITY AND UNDERSTANDING IF THERE WERE AMONG THEM INDIVIDUALS WHO PLACED SELF-INTEREST ABOVE COMMON INTERESTS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS ADDRESSING ABOUT 1,000 PEOPLE OF KAMPUNG BUKIT RAYA DALAM, 30 KM FROM HERE, AT A HARI RAYA AIDILADHA RECEPTION HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VISIT THERE BY HIM AND HIS WIFE, DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH.

THE PRIME MINISTER DONATED A COW TO BE SLAUGHTERED FOR A FEAST FOR THE POOR IN THE VILLAGE.

ELABORATING ON THE CONCEPT OF COMMON INTEREST, HE CITED AN EXAMPLE OF HOW PEOPLE LIVING IN THE HEART OF A KAMPUNG WOULD BE DENIED AN ACCESS ROAD IF THE VILLAGERS ON THE OUTSKIRTS REFUSED TO PART WITH SOME OF THEIR LAND FOR THE ROAD TO BE BUILT. -- MORE  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE HIGHLIGHTED BY HARI RAYA AIDILADHA SHOULD BE LOOKED AT IN A BIGGER PERSPECTIVE -- AS SACRIFICE FOR SOCIETY, RELIGION AND THE NATION.

HE SAID THE SACRIFICE HE REFERRED TO WAS NOT CONFINED TO THE RICH. THE RICH COULD SACRIFICE MATERIAL WEALTH, AND THE POOR THEIR TIME AND ENERGY FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDERTAKEN ON A +GOTONG ROYONG+ (SELF-HELP) BASIS.

THE PRIME MINISTER ADVISED THE PEOPLE TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS AND NOT DEPEND TOO MUCH ON THE GOVERNMENT OR THEIR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE.

HE SAID THAT BEING SELF-RELIANT WAS THE BEST WAY TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS AND IMPROVE ONESELF FOR A BETTER LIFE.

ON REQUESTS BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VILLAGERS FOR FACILITIES SUCH AS ROADS AND ELECTRICITY SUPPLY, HE SAID THEY SHOULD BE CHANNELLED TO THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE. -- MORE

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+UNFORTUNATELY, THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE IN THIS AREA IS NOT FROM THE BARISAN NASIONAL. WHAT MORE CAN I SAY.+

HE SAID IT WAS UP TO THE PEOPLE OF THE KAMPUNG TO DECIDE WHOM THEY SHOULD ELECT AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FUTURE.

THE BUKIT RAYA STATE CONSTITUENCY IS HELD BY KEDAH PAS COMMISSIONER ENCIK FADZIL NOOR.

THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS WIFE WERE GREETED ON ARRIVAL AT THE KAMPUNG BY KEDAH STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER DATUK SHAARI ABU BAKAR AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR LEFT FOR KUALA LUMPUR THIS EVENING AFTER HAVING SPENT TWO DAYS WITH HIS FAMILY IN KEDAH TO OBSERVE HARI RAYA AIDILADHA. -- BERNAMA

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