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KUALA PERLIS, MARCH 14 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY SUGGESTED THAT +LAKSA+ SELLERS HERE EMULATE AMERICAN FAST FOOD CHAIN MCDONALD'S AND POPULARISE THE LOCAL SPECIALTY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID KUALA PERLIS, FAMOUS FOR ITS LAKSA, SHOULD TURN THE BUSINESS INTO AN ENTERPRISE THAT COULD BECOME AN IMPORTANT INCOME-EARNER.

ADDRESSING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAD TURNED UP TO GREET HIM ON HIS ARRIVAL HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THE LAKSA SELLERS OF KUALA PERLIS DID NOT EMULATE MCDONALD'S.

KUALA PERLIS COULD BECOME WELL-KNOWN NOT ONLY IN THE COUNTRY BUT OVERSEAS AS WELL, HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER ADVISED THE PEOPLE THAT THEY SHOULD UNDERTAKE WHATEVER BUSINESS THEY INDULGED IN WELL AND PROPERLY. -- MORE
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+EVEN IF THE GOVERNMENT WERE TO PROVIDE A RESTAURANT AS BIG AS A PALACE, THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY PROGRESS WITHOUT PROPER EFFORTS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR THEN WENT ON TO ADVISE THE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE GOVERNMENT IN THINKING OUT WAYS OF BRINGING GREATER PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE RAKYAT AND NATION.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD INTRODUCED SLOGANS SUCH AS +LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE+ AND +CLEAN, EFFICIENT AND TRUSTWORTHY+ TO DRAW THE PEOPLE TO A MORE COMFORTABLE LIVELIHOOD.

THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO ADVISED THE PEOPLE OF THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE THAT SOLIDARITY AND HARMONY CONTINUED TO EXIST.

ON DEVELOPMENT, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID IT WAS THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENT TO BRING DEVELOPMENT TO EVERY AREA. -- MORE
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