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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 15 MAC (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT ADVISED UMNO MEMBERS TO VISIT POVERTY AREAS IN THE COUNTRY SO AS TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OF THE POOR.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS WOULD ENABLE THEM TO HELP THOSE INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN TERMS OF GIVING ADVICE AND WAYS TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVING CONDITION.

THIS WOULD BE MORE MEANINGFUL THAN MERELY COLLECTING DONATIONS TO HELP THEM, HE SAID AT A DINNER ORGANISED BY PERAK AND JOHOR UMNO YOUTH AT HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, COMMENDED THE UMNO YOUTH FOR ITS KAMPUNG ADOPTION PROJECT IN AN EFFORT TO OVERCOME POVERTY IN SELECTED KAMPUNGS.

HE ALSO HIT OUT AT THOSE WHO ENVIED THE POOR WHEN THEY LATER BECAME RICH. -- MORE.

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+THEY SHOULD REALISE THAT THE POOR MUST BE HELPED SO THAT THEY WILL NOT REMAIN POOR. AND IF THEY BECOME RICH, THIS WILL BE THE SUCCESS OF ALL,+ HE SAID.

FOR OTHERS WHO MIGHT NOT BECOME RICH, THEIR WAY OF LIFE MORE OR LESS HAD CHANGED FOR THE BETTER, HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT APART FROM HELPING TO ERADICATE POVERTY UMNO YOUTH SHOULD ALSO HELP TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AMONG THE PEOPLE.

+WITH GREATER PRODUCTIVITY, SOCIETY CAN PRODUCE MORE GOODS WITH LESS COST AND THIS CAN REDUCE POVERTY,+ HE SAID.

THIS, HE ADDED, SHOULD BE GIVEN ATTENTION BY ALL PARTY MEMBERS.  
-- BERNAMA.

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