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 KUALA LUMPUR, NOV 9/ (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TONIGHT HE WANTS SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND POLITICAL LEADERS TO MAKE ALL POLICIES INTRODUCED BY THE GOVERNMENT A REALITY.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT AMONG THE MAIN POLICIES BEING GIVEN EMPHASIS BY THE GOVERNMENT WERE THE INJECTION OF ISLAMIC VALUES INTO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE LOOK EAST POLICY.

SPEAKING AT A DINNER OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND DIPLOMATIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION AT DEWAN MERDEKA, PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE HERE, HE SAID THE FIRST TASK WAS TO UNDERSTAND THE POLICIES AND HOW THEY WERE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

HE SAID TRUSTWORTHINESS, A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY, SINCERITY, DEDICATION AND OTHER NOBLE VALUES IN THE EYES OF ISLAM SHOULD BE PRACTISED IN THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY AND ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE POLICY TO INJECT ISLAMIC VALUES.

EMPHASISING MORE ON THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF ISLAM THAN ON THESE SACRED VALUES WOULD NOT HELP CREATE AN EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION WHICH THE MUSLIMS COULD BE PROUD OF AND WHICH WOULD BE RESPECTED BY OTHERS, HE SAID. -- MORE

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STRESSING THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF ISLAM WOULD ALSO NOT MAKE THE RELIGION AN ATTRACTIVE WAY OF LIFE, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THOSE WHO DEVIATED FROM THE OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY HAD BETRAYED THE RELIGION.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THERE WAS A WIDE GAP BETWEEN A POLICY AND THE WAY IT WAS IMPLEMENTED BECAUSE INTERPRETATION OF THE POLICY BY THE OFFICERS WAS SOMETIMES MADE WITHOUT ANY REFERENCE.

FOR INSTANCE, HE SAID WHEN HE ANNOUNCED THE LOOK EAST POLICY, MANY PEOPLE WRONGLY INTERPRETED IT TO MEAN THAT MALAYSIA SHOULD BUY ITS GOODS FROM AND GIVE CONTRACTS TO COUNTRIES IN THE EAST.

HE SAID MANY PEOPLE CONSIDERED THE INJECTION OF ISLAMIC VALUES AS AN +OPEN CHEQUE+ IN THE SENSE THAT THEY COULD DO ANYTHING THEY WANTED IN THE NAME OF ISLAMIC VALUES. -- MORE

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ON THE CURRENT ECONOMIC RECESSION, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID WHAT WAS MOST IMPORTANT WAS FOR THE PEOPLE TO LIVE WITHIN THEIR MEANS.

HE ALSO STRESSED THE NEED TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND REITERATED HIS CALL TO GOVERNMENT SERVANTS TO WORK AN EXTRA 15 MINUTES A DAY.

IF THEY DID, HE SAID, IT WOULD WORK UP TO AN ADDITIONAL 3,500,000 MAN-DAYS OR 10,000 MAN-YEARS A YEAR.

+IF WE WORK SEVEN HOURS DAILY, WORKING AN EXTRA 15 MINUTES WILL MEAN AN ADDITIONAL 1,400 SERVANTS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT TRIMMING THE CIVIL SERVICE WOULD NOT REDUCE ITS EFFICIENCY. -- BERNAMA

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