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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 29 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE POLICE TO ENSURE RELATIONS WITH THE SOCIETY ALWAYS REMAIN GOOD.

HE SAID THIS WOULD ENABLE THE POLICE TO DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES SMOOTHLY AND SATISFACTORILY.

+THE SOCIETY WILL SYMPATHISE AND COOPERATE WITH THE POLICE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO FIGHT THE NATION'S ENEMIES.

+WHEN THE POLICE ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES, THE PUBLIC WOULD BE MORE WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION THAT COULD BE OF HELP TO POLICE INVESTIGATIONS,+ HE SAID AT THE POLICE DAY PARADE AT THE POLICE TRAINING CENTRE HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO HOME MINISTER, SAID THE MALAYSIAN COMMUNITY TODAY WAS FAIR AND PROGRESSIVE, BEING WEANED AND MOULDED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RUKUNEGARA. -- MORE
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TO PRESERVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JUST AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY, HE SAID ALL GOVERNMENT MACHINERY INCLUDING THE POLICE FORCE MUST PLAY THEIR PART.

+A JUST AND PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY NEEDS A POLICE FORCE CAPABLE OF ENFORCING LAWS OF THE NATION FAIRLY, SYSTEMATICALLY AND PROPERLY,+ HE STRESSED.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID SOCIETY'S VIEW OR OPINION OF THE POLICE WAS IMPORTANT AND AS SUCH, EACH MEMBER OF THE FORCE MUST SERVE IN LINE WITH THIS YEAR'S POLICE DAY THEME OF +PROFESSIONALISM THE FOUNDATION OF THE POLICE SERVICE.+

HE SAID A HIGH LEVEL OF DISCIPLINE WOULD MAKE THE POLICE FORCE RESPECTED AND HIGHLY REGARDED BY THE SOCIETY WHICH WOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE WORK OF THE FORCE.

HE BELIEVED THE POLICE WOULD GET THE SUPPORT OF THE PUBLIC IN SERVING THE NATION. -- MORE
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+AND WHAT IS MORE IMPORTANT, MALAYSIA WOULD BE ABLE TO ENJOY STABILITY, SECURITY AND PEACE. ONLY IN SUCH A CLIMATE CAN A NATION STEP UP ITS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD ALSO BENEFIT THE FAMILIES OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE.+

EARLIER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR TOOK THE SALUTE AND INSPECTED A PARADE MOUNTED BY 1,800 MEMBERS OF THE VARIOUS POLICE BRANCHES UNDER PARADE COMMANDING OFFICER ACTING SUPT ISHAK ABDUL KADIR.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT WERE DEPUTY HOME MINISTER DATUK RADZI SHEIKH AHMAD, INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE TAN SRI MOHAMAD HANIFF OMAR AND HIS DEPUTY DATUK MAHMOOD HAJI NASIR AND THEIR WIVES.

IN ANOTHER CEREMONY AT THE DEWAN PENGAMAN AFTER THE PARADE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR PRESENTED COMMENDATION LETTERS AWARDED TO 11 POLICE PERSONNEL INCLUDING POSTHUMOUSLY TO THE FOUR KILLED IN LAST YEAR'S NOV 19 MEMALI INCIDENT.

THE FOUR WERE INSP AZMI HAMZAH, SGT ABDUL RAHMAN MOHD NOOR, KONSTABEL SULI OTHMAN AND KONSTABEL JAAFAR SAIN WHOSE COMMENDATION LETTERS WERE RECEIVED BY THEIR WIDOWS PUAN ESOM KAMARIAH MAHMUD, WAN ESAH SAIDIN, PUAN SALINA ABDULLAH DAN PUAN HAZIZAH ABDUL SHAH RESPECTIVELY.

THEY OTHER SEVEN WHO GOT THE LETTERS WERE INSP JOHARI YAHYA, SGT WAN MOHAMED WAN ISMAIL, SGT MOHAMED MASKOR MURADI, SGT NAZARUDDIN MOHAMED ZAIN, KOP MOHAMED NOR YUNUS, KOP HAMZAH RASUL AND KOP MOHAMED RASHID ISMAIL. -- BERNAMA

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