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KUALA TERENGGANU, APRIL 3 (BERNAMA) -- MORE
EMPLOYMENT-GENERATING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED
DURING THE FIFTH MALAYSIA PLAN PERIOD, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR
MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

APART FROM CREATING JOBS, THESE PROJECTS WOULD ALSO BE
DISTRIBUTED EQUITABLY AMONG THE COMMUNITIES AND SOCIAL STRATA SO
THAT NO ONE WOULD BE LEFT OUT, HE SAID.

ONE OF THE MAMMOTH PROJECTS TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE FMP WAS
THE SPECIAL LOW-COST HOUSING PROGRAMME, HE TOLD A LARGE GATHERING AT
GONG BADAK NEAR HERE AFTER ARRIVING FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT TO THE
STATE ON THE LAST LEG OF HIS NATIONWIDE TOUR.

HE SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT THE PROGRAMME WOULD NOT ONLY MEET THE
PEOPLE'S DEMAND FOR HOUSES BUT ALSO CREATE JOBS AND PRODUCE MORE
CONTRACTORS, SUPPLIERS AND BUSINESSMEN.

THE PROGRAMME WOULD ALSO HELP OVERCOME THE ECONOMIC RECESSION AS
IT WOULD BECOME A SOURCE OF INCOME AND LIVELIHOOD FOR THE POOR, WHO
WERE HARDEST HIT BY THE SLOWDOWN, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID EFFORTS WOULD ALSO BE STEPPED UP IN
THE COMING FIVE YEARS TO PROVIDE MORE BASIC AMENITIES SUCH AS
SCHOOLS, CLINICS, ROADS AND BRIDGES, ESPECIALLY IN THE RURAL AREAS.

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