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 KUALA LUMPUR, APRIL 30 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS ASKED ALL SECTIONS IN THE COUNTRY TO PUT ASIDE THEIR OWN INTERESTS FOR THE SAKE OF THE COMMON WEAL IN EFFORTS TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE NATION.

THE TASK OF NATION-BUILDING DEMANDED MUCH SACRIFICE, HE SAID IN A MESSAGE TO CUEPACS IN CONJUNCTION WITH LABOUR DAY TOMORROW.

+A PROGRESSIVE, HARMONIOUS, STRONG AND STABLE COUNTRY HAS PEOPLE WHO ARE INSPIRED, DILIGENT, DISCIPLINED AND WHO LOVE THEIR COUNTRY,+ HE ADDED.

HE SAID THAT IN FACING CHALLENGES, ALL QUARTERS IN THE COUNTRY MUST STEP UP COOPERATION AMONG THEMSELVES AND BE UNITED SO THAT PROBLEMS COULD BE RESOLVED MORE EFFECTIVELY.

+I BELIEVE WORKERS IN THE COUNTRY WILL NOT FORGET THAT ONLY A PROGRESSIVE SOCIETY AND COUNTRY WILL BRING HAPPINESS TO THE PEOPLE INCLUDING THE WORKERS THEMSELVES.+ -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE LABOUR FORCE HAD CONTRIBUTED IN VARIOUS FORMS TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT AND COUNTRY APPRECIATED ITS EFFORTS IN ALL SECTORS.

IN CONNECTION WITH LABOUR DAY, HE ASKED WORKERS TO PONDER TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN DEVELOPING THE SOCIETY AND COUNTRY.

+TO MAKE THE TASK MORE EFFECTIVE, WE MUST WORK AS A TEAM,+ HE ADDED.

LABOUR MINISTER DATUK LEE KIM SAI IN HIS MESSAGE TO CUEPACS SAID THE CURRENT INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE BETWEEN CUEPACS AND THE GOVERNMENT WAS UNHEALTHY AS WELL AS A LOSS TO THE COUNTRY.

HE APPEALED TO CUEPACS AFFILIATES TO CONSIDER THE IMPLICATIONS TO THE COUNTRY'S ECONOMY IN THE EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THE WAGE CLAIMS DISPUTE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. -- MORE

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DATUK LEE SAID THE CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE RESOLVED AMICABLY IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST EVEN THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT COULD NOT MEET CUEPACS' CLAIMS.

+THE EXISTING STATE OF AFFAIRS WILL NOT HELP THE GOVERNMENT REHABILITATE THE NATIONAL ECONOMY BUT WOULD INSTEAD MAKE THE SITUATION WORSE.+

HE SAID CUEPACS MUST ATTEND THE MAY 15 MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT AND CEASE ALL INDUSTRIAL ACTIONS AS A SIGN OF ITS LOVE FOR THE COUNTRY.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGED THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS INCLUDING PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES AND SYMPATHISED WITH THEM BUT IT ALSO HAD A DUTY TO ENSURE ALL EFFORTS TO HELP THE ECONOMY RECOVER ACHIEVED THEIR OBJECTIVE. -- BERNAMA

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