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KOTA BAHARU, JULY 31 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY ASSURED THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN KELANTAN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO THEIR LAND OWNERSHIP PROBLEMS.

THE PRIME MINISTER GAVE AN UNDERTAKING THAT THE PROBLEMS WOULD BE OVERCOME AFTER HE DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENT. SPEAKING AT A MEETING WITH THE CHINESE COMMUNITY AT THE CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HALL HERE, HE SAID DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA WHO VISITED THE STATE ON TUESDAY HAD ALSO PROMISED TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WAS AWARE THE CHINESE COMMUNITY OWNED LITTLE LAND IN KELANTAN COMPARED WITH THE SITUATION IN OTHER STATES.

IN KELANTAN, MORE THAN 99 PERCENT OF THE LAND IS CLASSIFIED AS MALAY RESERVE OWNABLE BY ONLY KELANTAN MALAYS. -- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOPED THAT ONE DAY, THOSE OUTSIDE KELANTAN WOULD ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY AND OWN LAND IN THE STATE.

IN A LIGHTER VEIN, HE SAID: +AT PRESENT, PEOPLE FROM KEDAH CANNOT BUY LAND HERE BUT I AM CONFIDENT THAT ONE DAY, KEDAHANS LIKE ME CAN BUY THE LAND.+

HE ALSO SAID THE BN WOULD FULFIL ITS PROMISES UNLIKE PAS +WHICH FISHED FOR VOTES FROM THE CHINESE AND INDIANS WITH EMPTY PROMISES.+

HE HOPED THE CHINESE AND INDIAN COMMUNITY WOULD NOT FALL FOR THE EMPTY PROMISES OF PAS.

THERE MIGHT NOT BE STABILITY IN THE COUNTRY IF PAS CAME TO POWER, HE WARNED, REMINDING THAT WITHOUT STABILITY, ALL ACTIVITIES IN THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING BUSINESS, WOULD BE AFFECTED. -- MORE
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HE REJECTED CLAIMS OF THE BN GOVERNMENT BEING UNFAIR AND CONCERNED ONLY WITH THE INTERESTS OF THE BUMIPUTERAS.

KELANTAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI MOHAMED YAACOB SAID SEVERAL APPLICATIONS FOR LAND CONVERSION FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNITY WERE CONSIDERED AND APPROVED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT. -- BERNAMA
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