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ARAU, AUG 1 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY REMINDED THE PEOPLE TO BEWARE OF +TWO-LEGGED PESTS WHICH COULD BE FOUND NOT ONLY IN THE PADI FIELDS BUT ALSO IN GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

HE SAID THESE +PESTS+ WERE DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE +DISEASES+ THEY CARRIED WHICH COULD DESTROY THESE PROJECTS.

HE WAS SPEAKING TO 2,500 FARMERS BEFORE LAUNCHING THE +INTEGRATED PEST CONTROL PROGRAMME+ AT MADA TAMBUN TULANG, 20 KM FROM HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO WAS ON A ONE-DAY VISIT TO PERLIS, SAID THAT WHEN THE GOVERNMENT HAD INITIALLY WANTED TO INTRODUCE DOUBLE-CROPPING OF PADI, THIS WAS MET WITH OPPOSITION FROM COUNTRY QUARTERS.

HOWEVER, WHEN THE PROGRAMME WAS A SUCCESS, THE GOVERNMENT WAS ACCUSED OF NOT BRINGING DEVELOPMENT TO ALL AREAS, HE SAID. -- BERNAMA
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HE ADVISED THE PEOPLE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE +TWO-LEGGED PESTS+ WHICH VISITED KAMPUNGS TO INSTIGATE THE PEOPLE TO OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD SPENT MILLIONS OF RINGGIT TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIVING IN THE RURAL AREAS THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMMES LIKE MADA AND KADA. -- BERNAMA
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