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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 2 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT SAID NATIONAL POLICIES DECIDED BY THE CABINET WOULD MERELY REMAIN POLICIES UNLESS THEY WERE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED.

AS SUCH, HE SAID THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT (JPM), THE MAIN INSTRUMENT FOR POLICY IMPLEMENTATION, SHOULD PLAY ITS DESIRED ROLE.

HE ADDED THAT A CONDUCIVE WORKING ENVIRONMENT WOULD ALSO BE A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN IMPROVING EFFICIENCY.

AT PRESENT, EACH OF THE 27,000 EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT WAS SHOULDERING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF FIVE STAFF, WHICH MEANT THAT THEY WERE CARRYING OUT THE DUTIES OF MORE THAN 100,000 PEOPLE, HE SAID AT THE JPM DINNER AT PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE, HERE.

ON THE DADAH MENACE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE WERE NOW MORE AWARE OF ITS DANGER TO SOCIETY AND THAT THE WORLD WAS NOW DRAWN TO THE ATTENTION OF THE THREAT. -- MORE  
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HE SAID OFFICERS OF THE NATIONAL ANTI-DADAH TASK FORCE HAD PLAYED AN EFFECTIVE ROLE IN OUTLINING THE PROBLEM BEFORE THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DADAH ABUSE AND ILLICIT TRAFFICKING IN VIENNA RECENTLY, AND HAD RECEIVED THE WORLD'S ATTENTION.

AS SUCH, THE TASK-FORCE OFFICERS SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS DURING THE CONFERENCE, HE ADDED.

EARLIER, CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT TAN SRI SALLEHUDDIN MOHAMED SAID THE JPM AS THE NERVE FOR IMPLEMENTING POLICES AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SHOULD SET AS A MODEL FOR OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO EMULATE.

HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT IF THE STAFF WERE DILIGENT, DISCIPLINED AND EFFICIENT, THE JPM WOULD BE A WELL ROUNDED GOVERNMENT ORGANISATION.

APART FROM THIS, HE SAID THE DEPARTMENT'S PERFORMANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY WOULD BE INCREASED IF THEY WERE PHYSICALLY HEALTHY TOO, HE ADDED.

THE PRIME MINISTER PRESENTED EXCELLENT SERVICE CERTIFICATES TO 18 JPM STAFF. PRESENT WERE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER GHAFAR BABA, MINISTERS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR YUSOF NOOR AND ENCIK KASITAH GADAM, AND DEPUTY MINISTERS DR SITI ZAHARAH SULAIMAN AND DRS SULAIMAN MOHAMAD. -- BERNAMA  
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