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ALOR SETAR, AUG 17³⁷ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT STRESSED THE NEED FOR THE EXECUTIVE, THE LEGISLATURE AND THE JUDICIARY TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE SMOOTH ADMINISTRATION AND MAXIMUM BENEFITS FOR THE PEOPLE.

SPEAKING AT A BARISAN NASIONAL DINNER AT MENTALOON, THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE KEDAH MENTERI BESAR, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE THREE BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ALERT TO ATTEMPTS BY CERTAIN QUARTERS TO DISRUPT COOPERATION AMONG THEM FOR POLITICAL AND OTHER REASONS.

THERE MIGHT BE DIFFERENCES BUT THESE SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DISRUPT THEIR CLOSE COOPERATION, HE SAID.

THEY SHOULD NOT FEEL DOWNHEARTED WHEN SOMETHING NOT TO THEIR SATISFACTION CROPPED UP BUT INSTEAD SHOULD STRIVE TO FIND WAYS TO OVERCOME THE PROBLEM. -- MORE

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STRESSING ON MUTUAL COOPERATION AND INTER-DEPENDENCE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THE PEOPLE'S ATTITUDE WAS VITAL TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS BUT THE PROGRESS THEY LONGED FOR CANNOT BE ATTAINED WITHOUT GOVERNMENT OFFICERS' COOPERATION AND HELP.

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS SHOULD ENTERTAIN THE REQUESTS OF THE PEOPLE'S ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES JUSTLY AND SPEEDILY, HE SAID.

HE HOPED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE SMOOTH ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PEOPLE.

IF THE REQUESTS OF THE PEOPLE'S ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES OR POLITICAL LEADERS WERE NOT MET SPEEDILY, THE PEOPLE WOULD BECOME RESTLESS AND THIS WOULD INVOLVE THE FATE OF THE ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE WHO WOULD HAVE TO FACE THE ELECTORATE EVERY FIVE YEARS.

+UNLIKE GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO ARE ONLY INTERVIEWED ONCE IN THEIR LIFETIME,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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THE JUDICIARY ENSURED JUSTICE FOR THE PEOPLE AND ALL MUST ABIDE BY THE LAW, HE SAID.

IF ALL QUARTERS PARTICULARLY THE EXECUTIVE AND THE LEGISLATURE WOULD CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION, MALAYSIA COULD SEE EVEN MORE RAPID DEVELOPMENT.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID SO FAR THERE HAD BEEN CLOSE COOPERATION AND AS A RESULT, THE COUNTRY HAD BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT.

SPEAKING AT THE FUNCTION, MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI HAJI OSMAN AROFF SAID UNDERSTANDING AMONG GOVERNMENT OFFICERS AND POLITICIANS WAS VITAL TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION.

HE URGED GOVERNMENT OFFICERS TO HAVE CLOSE RELATIONS WITH POLITICIANS TO ENSURE UNITY AND COOPERATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE.

DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, AGRICULTURE MINISTER DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID, DEPUTY MINISTERS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT RAJA ARIFFIN RAJA SULAIMAN AND DATUK OO GIN SUN WERE AMONG THOSE PRESENT. -- BERNAMA

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