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ALOR SETAR, AUG 17<sup>87</sup> (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT IS THINKING OF THE BEST POSSIBLE MEANS TO CHECK SMUGGLING BY LAND AND SEA INTO KEDAH, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY.

THE AUTHORITIES WERE CONSIDERING WHETHER IT WAS FEASIBLE TO ERECT SURVEILLANCE TOWERS ALONG THE COAST AND ALONG THE FENCE ON THE BORDER WITH THAILAND OR TO USE A RADAR SYSTEM, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO HOME MINISTER, WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE KEDAH UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE AT BANGUNAN TUNKU HERE.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF STATIONING A POLICE AIR WING UNIT IN KEDAH TO PATROL SEA ROUTES FREQUENTLY USED BY SMUGGLERS.

HOWEVER, THE UNIT WAS CURRENTLY TOO SMALL TO BE EXPANDED TO KEDAH, HE SAID.

ON THE RECENT PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION BY PAS SUPPORTERS TO PROTEST THE GOVERNMENT SEIZURE OF THE PARTY'S LAND AT POKOK SENA NEAR HERE, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THEY COULD FACE LEGAL ACTION IF THEY HAD TAKEN PART IN AN UNLAWFUL ASSEMBLY. -- BERNAMA  
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