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BALING, AUG 17⁸⁷ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS COSTING BILLIONS OF RINGGIT SINCE MERDEKA BECAUSE IT KNOWS THE IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PEOPLE.

HE SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH ITS ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WAS AWARE THE PEOPLE VOTED IT DURING ELECTIONS BECAUSE THEY WANTED DEVELOPMENT.

LUANCHING THE RISDA MINI-ESTATE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR SMALLHOLDERS IN KEDAH'S BALING DISTRICT AT KAMPUNG SADEK NEAR HERE, HE SAID THAT WITH A GOVERNMENT ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE, THOUSANDS OF DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS COULD BE CARRIED OUT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE.

HE SAID THAT DURING THE COUNTRY'S COLONIAL PERIOD, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT NOT ONLY FAILED TO CARRY OUT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FOR THE PEOPLE BUT ALSO BROUGHT OUT MASSIVE AMOUNTS OF FUNDS FROM THIS COUNTRY.

AFTER THE COUNTRY ATTAINED INDEPENDENCE, THE GOVERNMENT CONCENTRATED ON DEVELOPING RURAL AREAS WHICH HAD BEEN NEGLECTED BY THE COLONIALISTS COMPARED WITH THE URBAN AREAS. -- MORE
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SMALLHOLDERS HAD BRIGHT PROSPECTS OF GETTING GOOD RETURNS FROM RUBBER BECAUSE OF BETTER PRICES NOW.

ON THE NEW ECONOMIC POLICY (NEP), THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IT WAS BEING IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE PROGRESS FOR ALL SECTORS OF THE POPULATION.

ALLEGATIONS BY NEP CRITICS THAT THE POLICY HAD BENEFITTED ONLY A SMALL GROUP WERE UNFOUNDED, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR HOPED ALL COMMUNITIES WOULD SUPPORT THE NEP AND WOULD NOT BE INFLUENCED BY PROPAGANDA AIMED AT DISCREDITING THE GOVERNMENT OVER THE POLICY.

THE PRIME MINISTER, WHO CAME BY HELICOPTER FROM ALOR SETAR, WAS RECEIVED BY DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT RAJA ARIFFIN RAJA SULAIMAN AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS. -- MORE
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HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY KEDAH MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI HAJI OSMAN AROFF AND LAND AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER DATUK DR SULAIMAN HAJI DAUD.

A KOMPANG BAND LED THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS PARTY TO THE PROJECT SITE.

THIS AFTERNOON DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH HAD LUNCH AT THE RESIDENCE OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S PRIVATE SECRETARY HAJI ABU BAKAR HUSSEIN AT KAMPUNG PADANG, JITRA.

HAJI ABU BAKAR HOSTED THE LUNCHEON ON THE OCCASION OF THE MARRIAGE OF HIS SON NORHILAL WITH CIK BASHIROH NOH. -- BERNAMA
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