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KOTA BAHARU, OCT 2 (BERNAMA) -- THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE THAT EACH BRANCH OF ITS SERVICE CARRIES OUT ITS RESPECTIVE DUTIES SO AS TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF ROLES, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT.

A BRANCH OF SERVICE SUCH AS THE POLICE, ARMY, CIVIL SERVICE OR JUDICIARY SHOULD NOT INTERFERE IN THE AREA OF JURISDICTION OF ANOTHER FOR THAT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF THE NATION'S ADMINISTRATION, HE SAID.

+BUT RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN UNHEALTHY TRENDS, AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL ENSURE THAT THEY ARE KEPT TO THAT STAGE ONLY,+ HE SAID WHEN SPEAKING AT A DINNER IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS TWO-DAY VISIT OF KELANTAN WHICH BEGAN TODAY.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT SHOULD THE ROLES OF THE BRANCHES OF SERVICE EXTEND BEYOND THEIR AREAS OF JURISDICTION, THERE COULD BE MAJOR PROBLEMS.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MALAYSIA HAD A PROFESSIONAL CIVIL SERVICE WHICH DID NOT INTERFERE IN POLITICS. IF A CIVIL SERVANT WAS INTERESTED IN POLITICS, HE WOULD RESIGN AND BE IN POLITICS FULL TIME. -- MORE

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THE SAME WAS TRUE OF THE POLICE, ARMY AND THE JUDICIARY, EACH REFRAINING FROM INTERFERENCE IN THE DUTIES AND ROLES OF THE OTHER, HE ADDED.

+IN POLITICS IN MALAYSIA, WE HAVE PROFESSIONAL POLITICIANS WHO ARE IN POLITICS FULL TIME,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT WITH PROPER DIVISION OF DUTIES, THE COUNTRY COULD BE ADMINISTERED SMOOTHLY AND SUCCESSFULLY.

HE SAID THE DIVISION OF DUTIES WAS IMPORTANT IN ENSURING THAT THE NATION'S ADMINISTRATION DID NOT FACE MAJOR PROBLEMS.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT AT THE DINNER WERE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH, KELANTAN MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI MOHAMAD YAACOB, DEFENCE MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHUADDEEN, AND KELANTAN UMNO LEADERS INCLUDING FORMER TRADE AND INDUSTRY MINISTER TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO UMNO PRESIDENT, LATER HELD A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE KELANTAN UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE AT THE MENTERI BESAR'S RESIDENCE. -- BERNAMA

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