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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 14 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE QUESTION OF RESTRUCTURING THE PROTON MANAGEMENT WILL DEPEND ON THE REPORT FROM THE TASK FORCE SET UP TO STUDY THE MATTER.

THE REPORT WAS EXPECTED TO BE RECEIVED FROM PROTON IN A WEEK OR TWO, HE TOLD REPORTERS AFTER OPENING A SEMINAR ON +PRIVATISATION IN MALAYSIA+ HERE.

ASKED WHETHER THE PROTON MANAGEMENT WOULD BE BASED ON JAPANESE MANAGEMENT, HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD STUDY THE MATTER FOR THE GOOD OF PROTON.

HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WAS CONCENTRATING ON PROTON BECAUSE IT WAS A BIG COMPANY AND IF NOT TAKEN CARE OF IT WOULD RESULT IN MAJOR LOSSES.

+IT'S A BIG COMPANY AND JUST IMAGINE HOW MUCH MONEY IS PUT IN TO PRODUCE A CAR,+ HE SAID. -- MORE  
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ASKED ON REPORTS OF CHANGES IN HIGH LEVEL MANAGEMENT OF THE HEAVY INDUSTRIES CORPORATION OF MALAYSIA (HICOM), THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THERE WERE NO CHANGES AT HICOM.

HE HOWEVER SAID, PERWAJA TERENGGANU SDN BHD WAS MOST LIKELY TO BE SEPARATED FROM HICOM AND TURNED INTO A COMPANY OF ITS OWN.

+AS FAR AS I KNOW THERE IS NO PROBLEM IN HICOM -- ONLY ITS SUBSIDIARIES,+ HE SAID.

REPLYING TO ANOTHER QUESTION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID FOREIGN EXPERTISE WAS AT TIMES VITAL IN CERTAIN MATTERS FOR INSTANCE IN PRIVATISATION PLANNING.

+WE DO NOT HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE IN PRIVATISATION, AS SUCH IT IS VITAL THAT WE GET EXPERIENCE FROM OVERSEAS,+ HE SAID. -- BERNAMA  
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