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KUALA LUMPUR, JULY 15 (BERNAMA) -- ONLY ONE TRIBUNAL WILL BE SET UP TO DECIDE ON THE POSITION OF THE FIVE SUSPENDED SUPREME COURT JUDGES, PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY. HE SAID IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO SET UP FIVE TRIBUNALS TO HEAR THE CASE OF THE FIVE JUDGES.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS HERE, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE TRIBUNAL WOULD BE SET UP.

THE FIVE JUDGES WHO HAD BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE JULY 6 WERE TAN SRI WAN SULEIMAN PAWAN TEH, DATUK GEORGE SEAH, TAN SRI HAJI MOHAMED AZMI DATUK KAMARUDDIN, TAN SRI EUSOFFE ABDOLCADER AND TAN SRI WAN HAMZAH HAJI MOHAMED SALLEH.

ON THE UPCOMING JOHOR BAHRU PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE BARISAN NASIONAL HAD YET TO HOLD A MEETING TO DISCUSS ITS CANDIDATE FOR THE BY-ELECTION. -- MORE
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EARLIER WHEN OPENING THE CONVENTION ORGANISED BY THE CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (NURY), THE PRIME MINISTER SAID MALAYSIANS SHOULD HAVE THE COURAGE TO TRY OUT NEW IDEAS FOR THEIR COMMON PROGRESS.

PROGRESS IN A COMMUNITY CAN ONLY BE ACHIEVED IF AMONG ITS MEMBERS THERE WERE PEOPLE WILLING TO TRY OUT NEW IDEAS, CARRY OUT RESEARCH AND PLAN SOMETHING THAT WAS NEW WHICH COULD BRING ABOUT CHANGES IN THEIR LIFESTYLES, HE SAID.

BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, HE POINTED OUT TO THE CHANGES THAT HAD BEEN BROUGHT ABOUT BY NURY FROM THE ASPECT OF CHILD NURSERY CARE AND EXCELLENT EDUCATION GIVEN TO CHILDREN UNDER SIX-YEARS-OLD TOGETHER WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PARENTS THEMSELVES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR WAS CONFIDENT THAT IF THE NURY SYSTEM WAS EXPANDED IT WOULD GIVE IMMENSE BENEFIT TO THE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY.

NURY CHAIRMAN DATIN DR NOOR LAILY ABU BAKAR SAID SINCE NURY WAS INTRODUCED FOUR YEARS AGO, IT HAD TO A CERTAIN EXTENT CONTRIBUTED TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INSTITUTION OF FAMILY AS THE MOST IMPORTANT INSTITUTION IN HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. -- MORE
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SHE SAID THAT ABOUT 4,000 PARENTS HAD PARTICIPATED IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT COURSES ORGANISED BY THE INSTITUTE AND ABOUT 1,000 OF THEM HAD JOINED IN ON GOING PROGRAMMES THROUGH 27 CENTRES FOUNDED BY NURY.

SHE SAID THE NURY INSTITUTE WAS ALSO PROVIDING SERVICES FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN AND AN +EXCELLENT CHILD+ FUND HAD BEEN SET UP SPECIALLY TO FINANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMMES FOR SUCH CHILDREN.

THE THREE-DAY CONVENTION WITH THE THEME +PERSPECTIVE IN THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND+ WAS ATTENDED BY NURY OFFICIALS FROM KEDAH, JOHOR, FEDERAL TERRITORY AND SINGAPORE.

IT WAS AIMED AT PREPARING FOR THE CHALLENGES IN THE WORLD OF CHILDREN IN THE YEAR 2000 AND BEYOND. -- BERNAMA
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