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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 10 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TODAY THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO MAKE PETRONAS THE CATALYST FOR GROWTH OF ANCILLARY PETROLEUM INDUSTRIES.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID IN THE DEWAN RAKYAT THAT IN LINE WITH THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY, THE PRIVATE SECTOR WAS ALSO REQUIRED TO COOPERATE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH OF THESE INDUSTRIES.

HE WAS REPLYING TO ENCIK MOHAMAD SAM SAILAN (BN-MUAR) WHO WANTED TO KNOW WHETHER PETRONAS WOULD BE THE CATALYST FOR THE GROWTH OF SUPPLEMENTARY PETROLEUM INDUSTRIES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID PETRONAS HOWEVER HAD INVESTED IN SEVERAL PETROLEUM PROJECTS AT BOTH THE UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM LEVELS, LIKE EXPLORATION OF CRUDE OIL AND OIL REFINERY PROJECTS, AND ALSO IN SEVERAL PETROCHEMICAL PROJECTS.

INDIRECTLY, THESE UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM LEVEL PROJECTS HAD CREATED MANY ANCILLARY INDUSTRIES, HE ADDED. -- MORE
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THESE INCLUDED OIL FIELD ENGINEERING AND FABRICATION SERVICES AT THE UPSTREAM LEVEL AND DISTRIBUTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS AT THE DOWNSTREAM LEVEL.

PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE ENERGY, TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTS MINISTRY ONG TIN KIM SAID SINCE THE ITEMISED BILLING SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED IN SELANGOR AND THE FEDERAL TERRITORY, COMPLAINTS FROM TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS FELL FROM 1,396 IN JULY LAST YEAR TO 777 IN DECEMBER.

REPLYING TO HAJI MOHAMAD ZAIN ABDULLAH (BN-BACHOK), HE SAID SYARIKAT TELEKOM MALAYSIA (STM) WAS PREPARING TO EXTEND THE SYSTEM TO ALOR SETAR, PULAU PINANG, SEBERANG JAYA, IPOH, MELAKA, MUAR AND JOHOR BAHRU BY SEPTEMBER. -- BERNAMA
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