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SHAH ALAM, AUG 8 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SER DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS DIRECTED ALL MINISTRIES AND GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS TO INVESTIGATE THOROUGHLY ALL WRITTEN OR VERBAL COMPLAINTS FROM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT.

INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT SAID TODAY THE DIRECTIVE WAS ISSUED LAST MONTH AND WAS IN LINE WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S MOVE TO BE CLOSER TO THE PEOPLE.

SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER OPENING A PUBLIC RELATIONS COURSE ORGANISED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF MALAYSIAN UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATORS HERE, HE SAID ANY COMPLAINT FROM THE PUBLIC WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS ATTENTION AND INVESTIGATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY THE DEPARTMENT OR THE MINISTRY CONCERNED.

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT KNEW WHAT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED FOR THE PEOPLE'S BENEFIT, IT WAS ALSO PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT WHAT THE PEOPLE FELT WAS CORRECT AND OUGHT TO BE IMPLEMENTED BUT THEIR PROPOSALS SHOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE, HE ADDED.

SPEAKING AT THE FUNCTION, DATUK MOHAMED SAID A VERY CLEAR EXPLANATION TO THE PEOPLE WAS IMPORTANT. -- MORE  
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HE SAID THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAD ACHIEVED MAJOR SUCCESSES SINCE INDEPENDENCE FROM THE ASPECT OF PROVIDING EDUCATION TO THE PEOPLE, THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE THAT IN CERTAIN CASES SUCH EDUCATION HAD FAILED TO MAKE THEM THINK POSITIVELY ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT.

DATUK MOHAMED SAID THAT PRESENT DAY SOCIETY WAS MORE INCLINED TO HEAR THOSE THINGS THAT WERE NOT GOOD OR READ FOREIGN MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS WHICH PAINTED A BAD PICTURE ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT.

THIS INCLINATION HAD BEEN MADE USE OF BY CERTAIN PEOPLE INCLUDING POLITICIANS, WHO WERE DISAPPOINTED OVER THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND ON CERTAIN MATTERS, TO SPREAD LIES AND FALSEHOOD ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT, HE SAID.

SOME OF THEM HAD BECOME CHANNELS TO CONVEY INFORMATION THAT WAS NOT TRUE ABOUT THIS COUNTRY TO THE FOREIGN MEDIA SO AS TO GIVE VENT TO THEIR DISSATISFACTION, HE SAID. -- MORE  
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DATUK MOHAMED SAID THE GOVERNMENT KNEW THE FOREIGN MEDIA'S MOTIVE AND THAT OF THE VARIOUS GROUPS FOR DISCREDITING IT -- JEALOUSY OVER MALAYSIA'S SUCCESS IN PRESERVING RACIAL HARMONY.

HE REMINDED THE PEOPLE NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY REPORTS WHICH DISCREDITED THE COUNTRY ADDING: +LET OUR MINDS RULE OUR FEELINGS AND NOT VICE VERSA.+

DATUK MOHAMED ALSO ASKED THE PEOPLE NOT TO MISCONTRUE THE GOVERNMENT'S FIRM ACTION TO PREVENT UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES.

SUCH ACTION WAS NECESSARY IN THE INTEREST OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND PEACE, HE SAID.

HE ALSO URGED ADMINISTRATORS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICERS TO ENHANCE THEIR PROFESSIONALISM TO FACE CHALLENGES WHICH WERE BECOMING MORE SOPHISTICATED.

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