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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 11 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT HE WAS PROUD OVER THE RESPONSE OF MALAYSIANS TOWARDS THE +RACE AGAINST TIME+ SPORT AID 88 PROGRAMME TO HELP THE NEEDY CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.

THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE BY MALAYSIANS PROVED THAT THEY WERE A CONSIDERATE AND RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE, CONCERNED OVER THE WELFARE OF THE LESS FORTUNATE, HE SAID.

+CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM DISEASES, POVERTY AND WAR SHOULD BE HELPED BY OTHERS WHO DID NOT FACE THE SAME PLIGHT BECAUSE THE CHILDREN WERE INCAPABLE OF HELPING THEMSELVES,+ THE PRIME MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS AFTER THE RACE.

HE SAID SUCH CHILDREN IN THE SUDAN AS WELL AS IN THE REST OF AFRICA SHOULD HAVE THE ATTENTION OF THOSE WHO COULD HELP THEM.

THE RACE WAS HELD TO HELP CHILDREN AND NOT FOR OTHER PURPOSES SUCH AS TO PROMOTE TOURISM, HE ADDED.

ABOUT 30,000 PEOPLE LED BY THE PRIME MINISTER TOOK PART IN THE NIGHT RUN WHICH STARTED OPPOSITE THE SULTAN ABUL SAHAD BUILDING HERE. -- BERNAMA

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INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT SAID THE RESPONSE BY MALAYSIANS AUGURED WELL FOR THE BUILDING OF A NEW MALAYSIA.

SUCH AN OVERWHELMING RESPONSE WAS NEEDED TO DEVELOP MALAYSIA INTO A STRONG AND UNITED NATION.

+NO MATTER WHAT PROBLEMS WE FACE IN THE COURSE OF OUR STRUGGLE, WE WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IF THE PEOPLE HAD THE WILL TO PROGRESS,+ HE SAID.

DATUK MOHAMED SAID THE PROGRAMME WAS A SUCCESS BECAUSE OF THE SPIRIT OF LOVE FOR THE NATION AMONG THE PEOPLE. -- BERNAMA

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