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KOTA BAHARU, SEPT 30 (BERNAMA) -- MALAYSIA HAS A LARGE NUMBER OF
DADAH USERS IN COMPARISON WITH ITS POPULATION SIZE, PRIME MINISTER
DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID.

IN A MESSAGE IN THE SOUVENIR PROGRAMME OF THE MALAYSIAN MEDICAL
ASSISTANTS SEMINAR OPENED HERE TODAY, HE SAID THE HEAVY BURDEN OF
THE DADAH PROBLEM HAD TO BE SHOULDERED BY NOT JUST THE GOVERNMENT
BUT SOCIETY TOO.

THE BIG ALLOCATIONS GIVEN TO DADAH REHABILITATION CENTRES IN THE
COUNTRY COULD HAVE INSTEAD BEEN USED TO FUND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES
TO IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF LIVING OF THE PEOPLE, HE ADDED.

THE TWO-DAY SEMINAR IS ATTENDED BY SOME 100 PARTICIPANTS AND WAS
OPENED BY MINISTER IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT DATUK DR YUSUF
NOOR.

MALAYSIAN MEDICAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT HAJI MOHAMAD
ESA HITAN EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AN ANTI-DADAH SEMINAR SCHEDULED
TO BE HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SEMINAR HAD TO BE CANCELLED. --
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