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MAHATHIR-DEVELOPMENT 2'2'2'

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KUALA LUMPUR, DEC 1 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER (DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TODAY/URGED DISTRICT OFFICERS AND LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERS TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR DUTIES AS PART OF EFFORTS TO SPEED UP THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

TO HAVE A MORE EFFICIENT SERVICE, THE DISTRICT OFFICERS AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD HAVE A BETTER KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR DUTIES, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER WAS SPEAKING TO REPORTERS AFTER A HAVING A SPECIAL FOUR-HOUR MEETING WITH DISTRICT OFFICERS FROM THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AT THE IMPLEMENTATION COORDINATION UNIT AT THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTMENT HERE.

HE SAID THAT HE AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER ENCIK SHAFAR SABA WOULD TOUR THE DISTRICTS FROM DEC 17 TO MEET DISTRICT OFFICERS AND LOCAL POLITICAL LEADERS AND HAVE A FIRST HAND LOOK AT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THERE.

HE SAID THE FIRST DISTRICT TO BE VISITED BY HIM WOULD BE HULU SELANGOR.

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MAHATHIR-DEVELOPMENT 2 KUALA LUMPUR 2'2'2'

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MISUNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES AND DISTRICT OFFICERS SHOULD BE AVOIDED SO THAT DEVELOPMENT WAS NOT HAMPERED.

+MANY GOVERNMENT OFFICERS KNOW THE PROCEDURES AND IF THEY HAVE PROBLEMS WITH LOCAL ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES, WE ARE THERE TO CLEAR THE MATTER,+ HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ALSO BE BRIEFED ON THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THE THE LIMIT TO THE POWERS THEY WIELDED.

HE SAID THE TWO SIDES SOMETIMES DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND THE PRIORITIES WHICH THEY HAD TO GIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

THEY AT TIMES WERE UNABLE TO DIFFERENTIATE THE IMPLEMENTORS OF PROGRAMMES AND THOSE WHO DEVISED THE POLICIES, HE SAID. -- MORE

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MAHATHIR-DEVELOPMENT 3 KUALA LUMPUR 2'2'2'

HE SAID THE MATTER WAS RAISED AT TODAY'S MEETING AND THAT HE CLEARED THE AIR ON THIS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S MEETING WAS TO CLARIFY CONFUSING INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CERTAIN GROUPS.

WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WAS STEPPING UP DEVELOPMENT, THERE WERE GROUPS WHICH PROVIDED INFORMATION PURPOSELY TO CONFUSE DISTRICT OFFICERS SO MUCH SO SOMETIMES THEY WERE MADE TO BELIEVE THAT GOVERNMENT ACTIONS WERE WRONG AND DID NOT BENEFIT THE PEOPLE, HE SAID.

THIS, HE SAID, WOULD SURELY AFFECT THEIR PERFORMANCE, HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE MEETING ALSO ENABLED HIM TO INFORM THE DISTRICT OFFICERS OF THE CHANGES OCCURRING WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

THE PRIME MINISTER URGED THEM TO DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES IN LINE WITH THESE CHANGES FOR THE INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE AND COUNTRY. --

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