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MARAN, DEC 4 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS TOLD SETTLERS TO BE MINDFUL OF THEIR FUTURE DURING THE PRESENT GOOD TIME BECAUSE IT WILL NOT LAST FOREVER.

HE SAID THEY SHOULD INVEST THEIR EXTRA INCOME FOR THE FUTURE OF THEIR FAMILIES.

+WE CANNOT FORESEE WHAT WILL HAPPEN AND WE SHOULD'NT GAMBLE OUR FUTURE... EVERY SETTLER SHOULD THEREFORE BE THRIFTY BEFORE THE GOOD TIME ENDS,+ HE SAID WHEN ADDRESSING ABOUT 5,000 SETTLERS OF THE FELDA KAMPUNG AWAH HEAR HERE TODAY.

+HAVE THE SETTLERS PREPARED THEMSELVES FOR THE SUDDEN DOWNFALL OF RUBBER AND OIL PALM PRICES,? HE ASKED THOSE PRESENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO HIT OUT AT CERTAIN SETTLERS WHO BLAMED THE GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY WERE IN DIFFICULTIES BUT TURNED THEIR BACKS ON THE GOVERNMENT WHEN THEY WERE PROSPEROUS. -- MORE
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HE BELIEVED THAT IF THE PEOPLE KNEW HOW TO BE CONTENTED WITH WHAT THEY HAD THEY WOULD LEAD A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS LIFE.

SUCH PEOPLE, HE SAID, WOULD NOT BE INFLUENCED BY CERTAIN PEOPLE WHO WERE OUT TO DISCREDIT THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH FALSE ACCUSATIONS AND FABRICATIONS.

HE SAID THE SETTLERS WERE A FORTUNATE GROUP AS, THEY WERE GIVEN LAND IN FELDA SCHEMES BY THE GOVERNMENT, A PRACTICE NOT SEEN IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, NOT EVEN IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR ALSO REMINDED THE SETTLERS THAT ONLY THE BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT COULD BRING DEVELOPMENT TO THE PEOPLE AND THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE INFLUENCED BY ANTI-GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS.

ALSO PRESENT WERE MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI KHALIL VAAKOB AND HIS DEPUTY DATUK HAJI ABDUL AZIZ ABDUL RAHMAN. -- BERNAMA
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