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BACHUK, JULY 12 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR THE PEACE AND THE NATION'S PROGRESS IN AGRICULTURE.

THE PREVAILING PEACE HAD ENABLED EACH CITIZEN TO WORK AND MOVE WITHOUT FEAR, HE SAID WHEN LAUNCHING THE 1990 KELANTAN FARMERS', LIVESTOCK BREEDER'S AND FISHERMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS AT SEKOLAH MENENGAH PAK BADOL, HERE TODAY.

MALAYSIANS WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE PEACE AND STABILITY COMPARED TO CITIZENS OF OTHER NATIONS TORN BY CHAOS AND COMMUNAL STRIFE, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID ALTHOUGH MALAYSIANS ARE MULTI-RACIAL, THEY CO-EXIST PEACEFULLY.

HOEVER, HE SAID, THE EXISTING PEACE DID NOT COME BY ITSELF IF NOT FOR THE EFFORTS OF A STRONG AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.-- MORE
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO HOME MINISTER, SAID TO HELP PRESERVE PEACE, THE PEOPLE MUST RESPECT THE POLICE AS GUARDIAN OF THE LAW AND THOSE FLOUTING THE LAW FACE PROSECUTION.

HE SAID IF THE PEOPLE DISOBEY THE LAW AND THE POLICE, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN ORDER AND INSTEAD THUGS WOULD TERRORISE THEIR LIFE.

THE PRIME MINISTER CITED A RECENT CASE IN TERENGGANU WHERE A GROUP ATTACKED AND HELD POLICEMEN CAPTIVE IN RETALIATION FOR ACTING AGAINST ITS MEMBERS.

HE SAID THE GROUP THOUGHT IT COULD TAKE ON THE POLICE AND ACCUSE IT OF BRUTALITY IF IT ACTED AGAINST ITS MEMBERS.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD APPRECIATE THE GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURE BY PROVIDING VARIOUS INPUTS AND ASSISTANCE.-- MORE

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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE HELPING FARMERS, LIVESTOCK BREEDERS AND FISHERMEN.

FOR EXAMPLE, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD PROVIDE A 800-TONNE VESSEL TO TRAIN FISHERMEN IN DEEP-SEA FISHING NEXT YEAR, HE SAID.

IT TOO ENCOURAGED THE PEOPLE TO REAR MORE THOROUGH-BRED SHEEP FOR EXPORT TO SAUDI ARABIA ESPECIALLY FOR HARI RAYA HAJI SLAUGHTER, HE SAID.

HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, NO AMOUNT OF GOVERNMENT AID COULD BRING RESULTS UNLESS THE FARMERS THEMSELVES TAKE THE INITIATIVE.

HE SAID THE PEOPLE COULD SHOW THEY WERE THANKFUL NOT ONLY IN PRAYERS, BUT IN HARD WORK FOR OWN WELL-BEING AND THAT OF THE COMMUNITY'S.-- MORE

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MORE THAN 10,000 PEOPLE GATHERED AT THE SCHOOL FIELD TO LISTEN TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH.

SERI DR MAHATHIR LATER PRESENTED PRIZES TO FARMERS, LIVESTOCK BREEDERS AND FISHERMEN WHO WON STATE-LEVEL COMPETITIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CELEBRATIONS.

ACCOMPANIED BY MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI MOHAMED YAACOB, AGRICULTURE MINISTER DATUK SERI SANUSI JUNID, THE PRIME MINISTER VISITED VARIOUS EXHIBITIONS INCLUDING ON POVERTY ERADICATION .-- BERNAMA

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