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MAHATHIR-GRATITUDE

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BANDAR AL MUKTAFI BILLAH SHAH (KETENGAH), AUG 13<sup>'90</sup> (BERNAMA) --  
THE PEOPLE CAN SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE GOOD LIFE THEY ARE  
ENJOYING BY SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT, SAID PRIME MINISTER DATUK  
SERI MAHATHIR MOHAMAD.

THERE WAS NO NEED FOR THEM TO SUPPORT THOSE SPREADING LIES TO  
DISCREDIT IT, HE SAID.

+ THESE DETRACTORS ARE ONLY OUT TO AROUSE PUBLIC ANGER AT THE  
GOVERNMENT AND TO FISH FOR VOTES,+ HE SAID WHEN OPENING THE 1990  
NATIONAL SETTLERS' DAY CELEBRATIONS HERE.

SOME 15,000 SETTLERS FROM REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES  
NATIONWIDE ATTENDED THE EVENT.

AMONG THE VIPS PRESENT WERE MENTERIS BESAR TAN SRI HAJI WAN  
MOKHTAR AHMAD (TERENGGANU), TAN SRI HAJI MOHAMAD YAAKOB (KELANTAN),  
TAN SRI KHALIL YAAKOB (PAHANG) TRANSPORT MINISTER DATUK SERI DR LING  
LIONG SIK AND PRIMARY INDUSTRIES MINISTER DATUK SERI DR LIM KENG  
YAIK.-- MORE

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MAHATHIR-GRATITUDE 2 BANDAR AL MUKTAFI BILLAH SHAH (KETENGAH)

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HE CRITICISED THOSE WHO JOINED LAND SCHEMES TO INSTIGATE OTHER  
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HE CITED EXAMPLES OF OPPOSITION SIGNBOARDS REPLACING THE ONES  
ERECTED BY UMNO. IN SQUATTER AREAS ONCE THE GOVERNMENT HAD DEVELOPED  
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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT WANT TO SEE  
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HE SAID THE GOVERNMENT COULD MAKE ITSELF POPULAR BY DISTRIBUTING  
THE NATION'S WEALTH TO EACH CITIZEN WHO NEED NOT DO ANYTHING AS WAS  
THE CASE IN CERTAIN RICH NATIONS.-- MORE

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MAHATHIR-GRATITUDE 3 BANDAR AL MUKTAFI BILLAH SHAH (KETENGAH)

+ IF WE WERE TO DO THIS, MALAYSIA WILL BECOME WEAK AS ITS PEOPLE WOULD LACK INITIATIVE AND RESILIENCE,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID A RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT WOULD MANAGE NATIONAL WEALTH PRUDENTLY TO CREATE A STRONG, HARDWORKING AND DEDICATED SOCIETY.

ONE WAY TO ACHIEVE THIS WAS FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO OPEN UP LAND SCHEMES TO CREATE JOBS AND RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE PEOPLE, HE SAID.

HE SAID OPENING OF LAND SCHEMES WAS PROOF OF THE GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN FOR THE PEOPLE'S FUTURE WHO OTHERWISE WOULD FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE THEIR WAY OF LIFE FROM THAT OF THE COLONIAL DAYS.

FELDA'S ESTABLISHMENT WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT'S SINCERITY AND DETERMINATION TO HELP THE PEOPLE OUT OF AWARENESS THAT IT MUST PROVIDE JOBS FOR THE PEOPLE.-- MORE  
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MAHATHIR-GRATITUDE 4 BANDAR AL MUKTAFI BILLAH SHAH (KETENGAH)

PRIOR TO FELDA'S ESTABLISHMENT, A PERSON WANTING TO OPEN UP LAND ON HIS OWN WOULD HAVE TO WAIT MORE THAN FOUR YEARS BEFORE HE COULD REAP THE FRUITS OF HIS LABOUR, HE SAID.

ON OTHER HAND BY JOINING A FELDA SCHEME, A SETTLER ONLY HAD TO WAIT ABOUT TWO YEARS TO GET THE RETURNS AND SIMULTANEOUSLY ENJOY FACILITIES SUCH AS ACCOMMODATION, ROADS, SCHOOLS, WATER AND ELECTRICITY.

THE PRIME MINISTER ADVISED SETTLERS TO SAVE FOR BLEAK DAYS AHEAD PERHAPS POSSIBLY DUE TO LOW COMMODITY PRICES.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR IS ON A ONE-DAY VISIT TO THE STATE TODAY.

THE PRIME MINISTER IS TO BE GIVEN A GRAND WELCOME BEFITTING HIS TITLE AS +HERO OF THE THIRD WORLD+, BY ABOUT 10,000 PEOPLE IN KUALA TERENGGANU LATER THIS AFTERNOON.-- BERNAMA  
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ATTENTION EDITORS: CORRECTION R'R'R'

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IN ITEM E134, MAHATHIR-GRATITUDE 2, PLEASE READ IN FIRST PARA...  
THE +INGRATES+, AND NOT THE +UNGRATEFULS+ AS SENT.  
HEREWITH CORRECTED REPETITION.

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