

Sleep less and work more, PM tells everyone

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BANDAR AL-MUKTAFI BILLAH SHAH (Terengganu), Mon. — **Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad** urged Malaysians to sleep less and spend more time on productive work.

The Prime Minister said the people should also venture into creative enterprises and not allow a state of complacency to take root in their lives.

"Sleeping more and working less will not benefit anyone. The Government wants all its people to get used to hard work and be productive. The country's achievements in the 33 years after *merdeka* were the fruits of hard work, effective planning and careful management of its resources," Dr Mahathir told a large crowd of settlers gathered at Ketengah's headquarters here.

He reminded the crowd that the country's success did not come naturally.

"The peace and prosperity the country now enjoys are the results of years of dedication and hard work by the Government, helped by the people's drive to improve their living standards.

"It would have been easy just to sit back and enjoy the good life after *merdeka*, but

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the Government realised that this would have been disastrous. That was why the Government pushed hard for industrialisation and opened land schemes to provide opportunities for the people to conduct business and take an active part in nation building."

Dr Mahathir, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, several senior Cabinet Ministers and State dignitaries, was here on a one-day visit and to launch the National Settlers' Day. He was taken in a helicopter to the town, where he was mobbed by settlers who had gathered very early in the morning to catch a glimpse of the Prime Minister and to shake his hands.

The Prime Minister said it was the duty of the Government to provide the infrastructure and opportunities for the people, but this should not be taken for granted.

"The people cannot be spoonfed forever, which explains why the Government sticks to some unpopular decisions when drawing up and implementing social and economic programmes," Dr Mahathir said.