

U E193 ENG
MAHATHIR
BM

PULAU PINANG, AUG 19¹⁹⁰ (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RURAL CITIZENS ARE NOW ALMOST AT PAR WITH THOSE ENJOYED BY URBAN DWELLERS.

THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN TREATING ALL THE COUNTRY'S CITIZENS EQUALLY BE THEY VILLAGERS OR TOWN FOLK, HE SAID.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THIS AT THE OPENING OF THE KOMPLEKS TUN RAZAK (KOMTAR) PEDESTRIAN MALL HERE.

HE SAID WHEN THE COUNTRY GAINED INDEPENDENCE, THOSE IN THE RURAL AREAS LAGGED VERY FAR BEHIND IN TERMS OF DEVELOPMENT.

HOWEVER THE BN GOVERNMENT BROUGHT ABOUT CHANGES WHICH ENABLED THEM TO ENJOY VARIOUS FACILITIES, HE SAID.

DESPITE HAVING IMPROVED THE LOT OF THE RURAL PEOPLE, THERE WAS MUCH MORE THAT THE BN WANTED TO DO SO THAT THEY COULD ENJOY BETTER LIVING, HE SAID.-- MORE

1842MST 19 08 90

U E196 ENG
MAHATHIR 2 PULAU PINANG

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THE CONSTRUCTION OF KOMTAR ITSELF WAS PROOF OF THE STATE BN GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN FOR THE URBAN POPULATION.

KOMTAR NOT ONLY ACCOMMODATED THE BIG BUSINESS BUT ALSO PETTY TRADERS PROVING THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT HAD LOOKED AFTER THE INTERESTS OF ALL LEVELS OF SOCIETY.

AS SUCH THE PEOPLE SHOULD REALISE THAT THEY WOULD GAIN NOTHING BY SUPPORTING PARTIES ONLY GOOD AT MAKING EMPTY PROMISES AND WHOSE ACTIONS COULD UNDERMINE THE NATION'S FUTURE, HE SAID.

HE SAID IT WOULD BE FUTILE FOR THEM TO ELECT THOSE WHO COULD NOT FORM A GOVERNMENT OR DELIVER THE GOODS.

PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WERE CHIEF MINISTER DR LIM CHONG EU, MCA PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR LING LIONG SIK, GERAKAN PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR LIM KHENG YAIK AND MIC PRESIDENT DATUK SERI S SAMY VELLU. -- MORE
1849MST 19 08 90

U E198 ENG
MAHATHIR 3 PULAU PINANG

THE PRIME MINISTER IS ON A ONE-DAY VISIT TO THE STATE.

EARLIER HE WAS MET ON ARRIVAL AT THE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT HERE BY DR LIM CHONG EU, EDUCATION MINISTER ANWAR IBRAHIM, DEPUTY HEALTH MINISTER SENATOR MOHAMAD FARID ARIFFIN AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS.

WHILE HERE DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO PRESENT KEYS TO OWNERS OF THE MEWAH COURT APARTMENTS AND LAY THE FOUNDATION STONE FOR THE POLICE HOUSING PROJECT AT AIR ITAM.

THE HIGHLIGHT OF HIS VISIT IS OFFICIATION OF THE EXTENSION OF THE PENANG PESTA SITE IN SUNGAI NIBONG TONIGHT.-- BERNAMA
1905MST 19 08 90