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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 30 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD TONIGHT URGED MALAYSIANS TO DISCARD NARROW STRUGGLES AND INSTEAD CHANNEL THEIR TIME AND ENERGY TOWARDS DEVELOPING THE COUNTRY.

ONLY WHEN THE COUNTRY HAD ACHIEVED PROGRESS WOULD THE PEOPLE ENJOY MEANINGFUL PROSPERITY, HE SAID.

IF THERE WAS NO PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT THERE WOULD BE NOTHING TO DISTRIBUTE THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED.

+IT'S NO USE IF WE WIN THE APPLAUSE BUT LOSE THE FIGHT. THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THIS PHILOSOPHY,+ HE SAID IN HIS MESSAGE OVER RADIO AND TELEVISION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE TOMORROW.

FOR THEIR COMMON SUCCESS, ALL MALAYSIANS SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE SAME PHILOSOPHY HE SAID.

+MALAYSIA'S SUCCESS MEANT THE PEOPLE'S WELLBEING AND PROSPERITY,+ DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID.

IN LINE WITH THE THEME OF THE COUNTRY'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS +BERJAYA+, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID EVERYONE SHOULD STRIVE TO ENSURE THAT WHATEVER HE OR SHE DID WAS SUCCESSFUL.

THEY SHOULD BE WILLING TO WORK HARDER AND WITH EVEN GREATER DISCIPLINE TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY AND ENSURE A STRONGER NATIONAL ECONOMY. -- MORE

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID MALAYSIANS SHOULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR CAPABILITIES TO OVERCOME FUTURE CHALLENGES.

IT WAS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE FOR THE PEOPLE TO REJECT ALL FORMS OF ACTIVITIES THAT COULD THREATEN PEACE HARMONY IN MALAYSIA.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HISTORY HAD SHOWN THAT MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND SOCIETIES LATER BECAME UNSTABLE AND BACKWARD BECAUSE OF CORRUPTION AND ABUSE OF POWER.

+ONCE CORRUPTION BECOMES WIDESPREAD THE ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIETY WILL BE SHAKEN. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, EVERY EFFORT TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY WILL BECOME INEFFECTIVE CAUSING THE ADMINISTRATION TO BECOME WEAK, THE ECONOMY TO DECLINE AND IN THE END THE PEOPLE WILL SUFFER.+

+WE SHOULD LEARN FROM HISTORY AND FROM THESE EXPERIENCES SO THAT WE WILL NOT MEET THE SAME FATE,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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MAHATHIR-MERDEKA 3 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

EVERY MEMBER OF SOCIETY -- GOVERNMENT LEADERS, CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, PUBLIC **SERVANTS**, TRADERS, WORKERS AND THE PEOPLE AS A WHOLE -- SHOULD DISCHARGE THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS WITH A HIGH SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS³ THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

IT WAS ALSO IMPORTANT FOR LEADERS IN ANY ORGANISATION TO SHOW GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHER MEMBERS OF -THE **STAFF**, HE ADDED.

THE YOUNGER GENERATION SHOULD BE IMBUED WITH VALUES WHICH CALLED **FOR A GREAT SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AND TRUSTWORTHINESS** IN LIFE AND IN ALL THEIR ACTIVITIES.

THE SUCCESS THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED SO FAR DID NOT COME BY ITSELF, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID, BUT WAS STRIVEN FOR WITH DETERMINATION AND DISCIPLINE.

+WE SHOULD STRIVE ARDENTLY TO GIVE MEANING TO THE COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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MAHATHIR-MERDEKA 4 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO1)

IF COMPARED WITH OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES¹ MALAYSIA STILL LAGGED SUCH AS IN THE FIELD OF HIGH TECHNOLOGY AND METHODS OF USING SUCH **TECHNOLOGY**, THE PRIME MINISTER SAID.

DATUK **SERI** DR MAHATHIR SAID WORK ETHICS COULD STILL BE IMPROVED UPON BY THE PEOPLE AND ALSO THEIR PRODUCTIVITY.

HE **CRITICISED** CERTAIN GROUPS WHICH STILL DID NOT SEEM TO HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE COUNTRY'S CAPACITY TO ACHIEVE ITS OBJECTIVES EVEN THOUGH THE GOVERNMENT HAD GREATLY SUCCEEDED IN IMPLEMENTING VARIOUS DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

BY WAY OF EXAMPLE, HE POINTED OUT TO THE COUNTRY'S **INDUSTRIALISATION** POLICY WHICH HAD CLEARLY SUCCEEDED.

+IF IN THE PAST INVESTMENT **TOTALLED** TENS OF MILLIONS OF RINGGIT A YEAR, NOW IN THE FIRST HALF OF THIS YEAR ALONE INVESTMENT PROPOSALS **TOTALLED \$23** BILLION AND THERE WERE FACTORIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY WITH MANY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE **PEOPLE**,+ HE SAID.

+IF WE SAY THAT **WE** WILL ACCELERATE AND EXPAND MALAYSIA'S DEVELOPMENT AND **PROGRESS**, THE POSSIBILITY OF **WE** BEING ABLE TO DO THAT IS GREAT,+ HE SAID. -- MORE

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MAHATHIR-MERDEKA 5 KUALA LUMPUR (EMBARGO)

DATUK **SERI** DR MAHATHIR SAID THE GOVERNMENT HAD SUCCEEDED IN REDUCING THE POVERTY LEVEL AND THE PEOPLE IN RURAL AREAS WERE ENJOYING A BETTER STANDARD OF LIVING.

+PEOPLE WHO DID NOT GET ANY FACILITIES IN THE PAST WERE GETTING WHAT IN THE PAST ONLY WERE AVAILABLE **TO** URBAN DWELLERS SUCH AS ELECTRICITY, **WATER**, SCHOOLS, CLINICS AND OTHER AMENITIES.+

THE PRIME MINISTER OUTLINED SEVERAL FACTORS WHICH HAD BROUGHT SUCCESS TO MALAYSIA AND THESE INCLUDED **DEMOCRACY**, UNITY AMONG THE VARIOUS **COMMUNITIES**, EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION AND THE WILLINGNESS OF THE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE POLICE AND THE MILITARY TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY.

TO ENSURE THAT THESE FACTORS WERE **FRUITFUL**, A GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS RESPONSIBLE AND EFFICIENT WAS NEEDED AND THIS NEED HAD BEEN ADEQUATELY MET **IN MALAYSIA**, HE SAID. -- BERNAMA