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GUA MUSANG, SEPT 29 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TODAY THE KELANTAN PUBLIC SERVICES COMMISSION SHOULD TAKE ACTION AGAINST ANY STATE PUBLIC SERVANT WHO ABUSED THEIR POSITION FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES.

HE SAID IF THE COMMISSION WAS A RESPONSIBLE BODY, IT SHOULD ACT AGAINST THE ACTIVITIES OF SOME GOVERNMENT OFFICERS WHO USED THEIR POSITION TO INDULGE IN POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING.

+IF IT DOES NOT ACT I DO NOT KNOW THE REASON WHY AND THIS MEANS IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE,+ HE SAID WHEN ASKED ABOUT DISTRICT OFFICERS IN THE STATE WHO USED GOVERNMENT MACHINERY FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING.

HE EARLIER MET THE ORANG ASLI COMMUNITY AT THE SEKOLAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN GUA MUSANG HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE REGRETTED THE ACTIONS OF SOME DISTRICT OFFICERS WHO USED GOVERNMENT FUNDS TO CAMPAIGN FOR THE OPPOSITION PARTIES OR FOR THEIR SELF INTERESTS. -- MORE  
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HE ADDED: +I DO NOT KNOW WHICH DISTRICT OFFICER BUT IF THERE IS ANY USING HIS POSITION FOR SELF INTEREST, THE ADMINISTRATION WILL SUFFER.+

HE SAID THIS AT TIMES GAVE RISE TO THE WRONG PICTURE THAT THE ENTIRE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS ORIGINATED FROM DISTRICT OFFICERS AND NOT FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

IN HIS SPEECH, DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE FATE OF THE ORANG ASLI WOULD BE CHAMPIONED TO ENABLE THEM TO ENJOY A STANDARD OF LIVING EQUAL TO THAT OF OTHER COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY.

THE LOT OF THE ORANG ASLI WAS IMPROVING, HE SAID AND HE HOPED THEY WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN LOYAL TO THE GOVERNMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID HE WOULD GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF GUA MUSANG AND THE ORANG ASLI COMMUNITY IN HULU KELANTAN. -- MORE  
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HE ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS AWARE THAT THERE WERE GROUPS WHO HOODWINKED THE ORANG ASLI COMMUNITY INTO THINKING THAT IT WAS THE OPPOSITION THAT WAS RULING THE COUNTRY.

PRESENT AT THE FUNCTION WERE KELANTAN MENTERI BESAR, TAN SRI HAJI MOHAMED YAACOB. IT WAS ATTENDED BY ABOUT 300 ORANG ASLI IN THE GUA MUSANG AREA.

LAST NIGHT, THE PRIME MINISTER ATTENDED A DINNER TOGETHER WITH THE CHINESE AND INDIAN COMMUNITIES AT THE SEKOLAH RENDAH JENIS KEBANGSAAN (CINA) HERE.

IN HIS SPEECH, HE SAID ALL COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTRY WERE FREE TO CARRY OUT THEIR ACTIVITIES AND THE GOVERNMENT ALWAYS CONSIDERED THEIR INTERESTS FAIRLY.

THE BARISAN NASIONAL (BN) GOVERNMENT WHICH REPRESENTED ALL COMMUNITIES COULD ENSURE THEIR WELL-BEING BESIDES ENSURING PEACE, HE ADDED.

THEY COULD ASSESS THE SUCCESS OF THE RULING PARTY SINCE THE COUNTRY ACHIEVED INDEPENDENCE 33 YEARS AGO, HE SAID.

MCA PRESIDENT DATUK SERI DR LING LIONG SIK, GERAKAN PRESIDENT, DATUK SERI DR LIM KENG YAIK, MIC PRESIDENT DATUK SERI S. SAMY VELLU AND MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI MOHAMED YAACOB ALSO SPOKE AT THE FUNCTION.

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