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ATTENTION EDITORS: CORRECTION R'R'R'  
IN ITEM E226, MAHATHIR-GOVERNMENT, PLEASE READ PARA TWO... BE  
IMPERILLED..AND NOT AS SENT.  
HERE CORRECTED REPETITION.

MAHATHIR-GOVERNMENT R'R'R'

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JOHOR BAHRU, OCT 16 (BERNAMA) -- PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR  
MAHATHIR MOHAMAD HAS REITERATED THAT THE BARISAN NASIONAL NEEDS AT  
LEAST A TWO-THIRD MAJORITY IN PARLIAMENT IN THIS WEEKEND'S GENERAL  
ELECTION TO AVOID DISRUPTION OF DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS.

A SOLID MANDATE WOULD ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT WHOSE  
POSITION WOULD NOT BE IMPERILLED BY THREATS AND BLACKMAIL, SAID THE  
PRIME MINISTER.

THE PEOPLE SHOULD LEARN FROM THE RACIAL RIOTS AFTER THE 1969  
GENERAL ELECTION WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WON BUT WAS SHORT OF A  
TWO-THIRD MAJORITY, HE SAID WHEN LAUNCHING THE 1990-2005 JOHOR  
ECONOMIC PLAN AT THE ISLAMIC COMPLEX HERE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID A STRONG POSITION WOULD ENABLE THE  
GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT PROJECTS TO BENEFIT THE  
PEOPLE.

IN COUNTRIES WITH WEAK GOVERNMENTS, THE ADMINISTRATION WERE  
HELPLESS IN TRYING TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE PEOPLE, HE SAID.-- MORE  
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MAHATHIR-GOVERNMENT 2 JOHOR BAHRU R'R'R'

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID A WEAK GOVERNMENT WOULD SERVE NO  
PURPOSE TO THE PEOPLE, SECURITY-WISE AND IN OTHER ASPECTS.

HE SAID IT WAS THE GOVERNMENT'S SOLID STANDING THAT HELPED PUT  
MALAYSIA FIFTH AMONG THE LEAGUE OF NEWLY INDUSTRIALISED COUNTRIES  
AFTER SOUTH KOREA, TAIWAN, HONG KONG AND SINGAPORE.

A STRONG GOVERNMENT WAS A PREREQUISITE AND COMPLEMENTARY TO  
EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT, HE SAID.

+ECONOMIC PROJECTS CAN ONLY BE PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED IF THERE  
IS A GOVERNMENT DEDICATED TO NATION BUILDING. THE GOVERNMENT PLAYS A  
CRUCIAL ROLE IN ANY PLANS,+ HE SAID.

HE SAID MALAYSIA WAS LUCKY IN BEING ABLE TO PRACTISE DEMOCRACY  
APPROPRIATELY AND TO HAVE A STRONG GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT THE  
PROJECTS.

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MAHATHIR-GOVERNMENT 3 JOHOR BAHRU R'R'R'

THE PRIME MINISTER SUGGESTED THAT THE OTHER STATES EMULATE JOHOR IN HAVING THEIR OWN ECONOMIC PLANS AS THEY WOULD BE NOT BE DUPLICATIVE OF FEDERAL ECONOMIC PLANS.

IN FACT, BY HAVING THEIR OWN ECONOMIC PLANS, THE STATES WOULD EXPEDITE ATTAINMENT OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES, HE SAID.

+STATES SHOULD HAVE OWN ECONOMIC PLANS BECAUSE THEY KNOW BEST THE AVAILABLE FACILITIES AND THEIR REQUIREMENTS,+ HE SAID.

THE JOHOR ECONOMIC PLAN LAUNCHED TODAY WAS AIMED AT EXPEDITING STATE ECONOMIC GROWTH INCLUDING BY WAY OF COMMERCIALISATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH MOHAMED ALI, MENTERI BESAR TAN SRI HAJI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN AND INFORMATION MINISTER DATUK MOHAMED RAHMAT WERE PRESENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR AND THE DIGNITARIES LATER SAW A DOCUMENTARY FILM ON THE JOHOR ECONOMIC PLAN.-- BERNAMA  
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