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ALOR SETAR, JAN 21<sup>90</sup> (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID HE WOULD INVESTIGATE INTO CLAIMS THAT SOME PRISON OFFICIALS ACCEPTED OFFERS OF WOMEN AND MONEY FROM PRISONERS.

THE PRIME MINISTER WHO IS HOME MINISTER SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF SUCH HAPPENINGS AS HE HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THEM.

+WE WILL HAVE A LOOK AND CHECK INTO IT,+ HE TOLD NEWSMEN AT SULTAN ABDUL HALIM AIRPORT IN KEPALA BATAS NEAR HERE BEFORE LEAVING FOR KUALA LUMPUR THIS AFTERNOON.

AN ENGLISH TABLOID TODAY QUOTED FORMER PULAU PINANG PRISONS DIRECTOR HAJI ZAINAL ABIDIN MOHAMED AS SAYING THAT SOME PRISON SENIOR OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY THE YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED, WERE EASILY TEMPTED BY OFFERS OF WOMEN AND MONEY TO LET CERTAIN PRISONERS ESCAPE OR TO GET SPECIAL-TREATMENT.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE FORMER PRISONS DIRECTOR HAD FAILED TO INFORM HIM OF THE MATTER EARLIER. --  
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THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT HE WOULD REVIEW SECTION 1 (3) OF THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT (SPECIAL PREVENTIVE MEASURES). THE ACT IS IN FORCE FOR FIVE YEARS FROM MAY 30 1985 UNTIL MAY 30 THIS YEAR.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD AND WIFE DATUK SERI DATIN PADUKA DR SITI HASMAH MOHAMAD ALI WERE ON A TWO-DAY WORKING VISIT TO KUBANG PASU DISTRICT FROM YESTERDAY.

PRESENT AT THE AIRPORT FOR THE SEND-OFF WERE KEDAH MENTERI BESAR DATUK SERI OSMAN AROFF AND WIFE DATIN SERI AZIZAH ABDUL HAMID, AND SENIOR STATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. -- BERNAMA

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