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KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 5⁹⁰ (Bernama) -- It is important that the people understand each and every action of the police in preserving the nation's peace and stability, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight.

Towards this end, the mass media have an important role to play in informing the public who are sometimes not appreciative of the existing peace and harmony in the country, he said when addressing the Police-Mass Media Night here.

The Prime Minister recalled the Memali incident where the public failed to understand the actions of the police and an incident in Terengganu recently where a group of people tried to prevent police personnel from carrying out their duties.

+It is vital that every action by the police or any government body be understood by the people as in today's modern age each action will be questioned by the public,+ he said.

Cooperation of the mass media is required in situations where police action or motives are not clearly understood by the people, said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir who is Home Affairs Minister. -- more.

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He hoped the mass media in the country would be able to realise and understand the role and actions of the police force and the police on the other hand should also respect the important role the mass media plays in society.

He said the nation's peaceful climate had caused some sections of society here to take things for granted and be unappreciative of the role the police played in maintaining the harmony.

Present at the function were Information Minister Datuk Mohamad Rahmat, Deputy Home Affairs Minister, Datuk Megat Junid Megat Ayob and the Inspector-General of Police, Tan Sri Haniff Omar. -- Bernama.

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