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ALOR SETAR, April 12 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said he was confident that the people had the capability to turn Malaysia into a developed country by the year 2020.

To attain the objective, he said the people should start working hard from now.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said his vision of turning Malaysian into a developed country in 30 years would also enhance the position of Muslims in the country at par with the non-Muslims in and outside the country.

+We hope that Muslims one day can show to others that they too can be successful and at par with the non-Muslims,+ he said after breaking the fast with Muslims at Mada Area Farmers' Organisation Building at Tunjang, about 27km from here tonight.

He said the people had been successfully till now in bringing development to the country, so much so that Malaysia was a wellknown developing country in the world. --more.

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+This has made others envious of us and said untrue things about of us. +I don't understand why but this was the real reason,+ he said.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir advised the people not to heed and over react to false accusations levelled at their country but to continue their efforts to develop Malaysia.

He also hit out at certain groups in the country who held gatherings condemning the United States and the Jews, knowing fully well the futility of their action.

Malaysians, on the other hand, should strive to acquire knowledge and skills at par with people in these countries to be respected.

Asked on Kelantan Menteri Besar Haji Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat's statement recently that +work is a religious obligation+, he said agreed too. -- mor

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He said working was certainly a religious obligation, after praying and fasting.

+Alhamdulillah, Nik Aziz has issued such a fatwa (ruling)...we did not say all that he did was wrong. If it's right we say right and if it's wrong we say so too,+ he added.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said mosques were not mere objects for admiring or as places for praying only.

They served as places where Muslims could inter-act, foster goodwill and friendship, he said.

He said that although the government financed the construction of mosques in the country the people should contribute their share too. --Bernama.

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