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KUALA LUMPUR, June 17 (Bernama) -- ⁹¹ Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today said the second Outline Perspective Plan (OPP2) would have been a plan drawn up with the assistance of opposition political parties if they had not withdrawn from the National Economic Consultative Council (NECC).

He said the opposition political parties rejected the opportunity to join hands to formulate the policy by withdrawing after having been in the NECC for only a short while.

+If they had continued to be in the NECC, this policy would have been one that was worked out together,+ he said before concluding his speech tabling the motion on the OPP2 in the Dewan Rakyat.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir raised the matter by saying that he had received a letter from Opposition Leader Encik Lim Kit Siang asking for more time for the MPs to study the plan before the debate on it began.

Encik Lim stood up and asked why the NECC report had not been made public although it formed the basis of the OPP2. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir replied that the report had been distributed to every member of the NECC +and if the Honourable Member had continued to be in the NECC, he would have also got a copy the same day.+

He said the government received the report late owing to various circumstances and was pressured for time because the period of the New Economic Policy had expired.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir suggested that Encik Lim take his time to study the plan and give his views on the fifth and last day of the debate instead of being the first person to speak.

The suggestion made Encik Lim ask: +For how long? Three minutes?+

+To state disagreement, even in one million words, would still mean disagreement ... Yang berhormat does not want to listen to the answers but only wants to give his boring views,+ the Prime Minister said to applause from government backbenchers. -- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said that MPs required only one hour to read and study the plan. This made Encik Lim ask why the prime minister required more than one hour to read his speech.

The prime minister replied that he had to give a lengthy explanation to the people and not to the Yang Berhormat who he said was too vocal. --
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