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KUALA LUMPUR, July 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today criticised the opposition for deriding government's statements on the country's achievements.

He said the DAP in particular had often mocked every government statement on the country's achievements as +perverse logic+.

This showed that the party was jealous of the government's achievements, he said towards the end of his speech when tabling the motion on the Sixth Malaysia Plan at the Dewan Rakyat today.

The Prime Minister said all the statements in his speech were true but added that +one man's **food** is another man's poison. +

He said when the government talked about its achievements it was not blowing its own trumpet as even the World Bank report said Malaysia was now close to attaining a developed nation status.-- more

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Datuk Seri **Dr** Mahathir said all parties should welcome the World Bank report- but even then again the opposition might still regard it as +perverse logic+.

On the other hand, the Prime Minister cautioned that certain jealous groups might also use the World Bank report to block Malaysia from attaining developed nation status.

Primary Industries Minister Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik, who seconded the motion, described the SMP as the Prime Minister's gift to the people.

The World Bank had listed Malaysia as one of four countries which had recorded rapid growth and at the same time, had been able to control inflation.

This achievement was a source of great pride especially at a time when the country was moving towards realising the national objective of making Malaysia a fully developed country by 2020.-- more

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Datuk Seri Dr Lim said Malaysia's **economy** was undergoing **rapid** structural changes with the manufacturing sector now accounting for 54 per cent of the country's total exports.

A major portion of the country's manpower use had now shifted from the agricultural to the manufacturing sector.

This, he said, clearly showed that the country's economy was expanding into a diversified and strong one shielded from the uncertainties and negative effects of the international economy.

+This encouraging performance is a result of pragmatic readjustments adopted by the Barisan Nasional such as liberalisation of equity holdings, privatisation and corporatisation,+ he said.-- Bernama

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