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MALAYSIANS A BLESSED LOT, SAYS MAHATHIR

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JITRA, Sept 14, (Bernama) -- Malaysians will realise how blessed they are to be in this country when they compare their living conditions with those in countries which achieved independence at about the same time, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

If they had the opportunity to visit these countries to see the lack of development, they will understand how fortunate they are to be citizens of Malaysia, he said when opening the Kubang Pasu Umno Division delegates meeting at the Dewan Merdeka here.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir, who is also Kubang Pasu Umno Division head, likened this to the situation when people realised the value of good health only when they fell ill.

He said the progress and development achieved by Malaysia had not come served on a platter but were earned with hard work and determination, adding that Umno had contributed a lot to the development of the country.

Not all political parties were able to bring development to a country and that not many political parties were successful in this world, he said.
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He said Malaysia was successful because its people of all races worked together, and such cooperation did not mean that Umno had neglected the interests of the Malays.

+Umno is not a party driven merely by emotion but by thoughtfully worked out plans,+ he said.

He said it might be possible that some people are unaware of the development and changes taking place in the country.

However, foreigners who had lived in Malaysia see the change when they return on visits, he said, adding that they came back to a country they had not known to be as it was.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said that some professionals such as engineers whom the government had helped when they were unemployed during the recession had opposed the government after they had been employed.

Also present at the meeting was Menteri Besar Tan Sri Haji Osman Aroff who is deputy head of the division. -- Bernama

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