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MAHATHIR TELLS PRESS NOT TO ABUSE FREEDOM

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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has asked the press to use its freedom to disseminate constructive views and opinions rather than abuse it.

+We should focus more on the dissemination of information that can truly help to enhance knowledge,+ he said in his message in the inaugural issue of +Suara Wilayah+, newsletter of the Federal Territory (FT) Umno Liaison Committee.

The publication was launched today in conjunction with an FT Umno convention by Deputy Prime Minister Encik Ghafar Baba who is the FT Umno liaison chief.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said dissemination of information, including through the electronic media, should be for the purpose of providing knowledge so that the people could enhance their work performance and respond quickly to a situation.

He said it was the government's hope that the mass media played its role as disseminator of information for the benefit of the country and the people. -- more

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Dat uk Seri Dr Mahathir also reminded the people not to adopt a wait-and-see attitude +in this fast-moving era+.

Instead, they should be positive-minded and sensitive to opportunities available to improve themselves, he said.

In this connection, he said, the opportunity to communicate should not be wasted but fully utilised to fulfill the country's aspiration to become a developed nation.

Encik Ghafar, in his message called on Umno members to be open-minded towards progress, in addition to being diligent and of high discipline.

+We must be prepared to give and take. Any good idea should be heard and any good view should be put into practice,+ he said, -- Bernama

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