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MAHATHIR SAYS EXPENDITURE MUST FOLLOW PROCEDURE

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KUALALUMPUR, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- The Government and its agencies must follow certain procedures when spending public funds, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

It was incorrect to think that so long as there was allocation the money could be spent without having to save some for rainy days, he told reporters after opening the UMNO general assembly here.

He was asked to comment on points raised by a delegate during the debate on economy at the UMNO Youth general assembly yesterday.

The delegate, among other things, wanted government agencies, especially MARA, to fully utilise the allocation made for bumiputeras.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said: +There is no restriction in spending the money allocated, but we must follow certain procedures.

+There will be no problem if we spend the money according to procedure.. it's not our intention to save money all the time.+ -- more

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To a point raised by another delegate that it was difficult for the people to meet party leaders who were ministers, he said the situation in Malaysia was far better than that in other countries.

He said it was easier for Malaysians to meet their ministers compared with the situation in other countries.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir said even visitors were surprised that Malaysian leaders, including the Prime Minister, could easily be contacted by the public.

+Even the Prime Minister goes shopping in the shopping complexes. You don't find that in other countries,+ he added.

He said it was impossible for the leaders to meet the people all the time as they too had their jobs to perform.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir also said that he preferred not to be given titles but despite this many people still did so.

The UMNO Youth yesterday gave Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir the title of +Architect of Modern Malaysia+. -- Rernama

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