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MALAYSIA DOES NOT NEED URBAN FORESTRY ACT, SAYS MAHATHIR

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BANGI, Oct 9 (Bernama) -- Malaysia does not need any Urban Forestry Act as the country is green as ever in both urban and rural areas, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

+We are greener than countries which have such an Act,+ he added.

Countries with such Acts were not green not only in their cities but they were also chopping off most of the trees in the country side, the Prime Minister -told newsmen after opening a special course for Bumiputera building Contractors at the Institut Kerja Raya Malaysia (IKRAM) here.

He was commenting on the call by geographer Prof Dr Sham Sani of Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) that Malaysia should have such an Act.

Prof Sham, who is now holding the Tun Abdul Razak Chair for Southeast Asian Studies at the Ohio State University in the United States had said recently that such an Act had been successfully implemented in the United States to green its cities.,

Dr Mahathir said Kuala Lumpur was the only city which had a forest in its midst.

+It does not mean that the grass is not cut and so on.. but if we have a close look at the area near Tasik Perdana... the secondary jungle is so thick that even if there are bandits we cannot see ... they can hide in that jungle,+ he said. -- more

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The Prime Minister was also briefed on IKRAM's activities by the Director-General of the PWD Tan Sri Wan Abdul Rahman Haji Yaakob and viewed a video tape on the institute's work.

He also saw an exhibition on IKRAM. -- Bernama

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