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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOT SATISFIED WITH LAND VALUATION IN LANGKAWI

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LANGKAWI, Dec. 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the Federal Government is still not satisfied with the high valuation imposed by the state authorities on land acquired for development in Langkawi.

If such high value was to enable the state to get much revenue then this would have an effect on the Federal Government which would have to fork out a large sum to acquire the land, he said.

The Prime Minister was speaking to reporters after inspecting development projects on the island.

Dr Mahathir wanted everyone including the state authorities to stick to accurate valuation and not on estimated valuation.

He expressed the hope that the Committee on Co-ordinating Land Price set up recently by the state government and chaired by the Kedah Director of Lands and Mines would help overcome this valuation problem. -- more

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ATTENTION EDITORS: CORRECTION '''

First line pls read ... Federal. Government not state government as sent.,

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Dr Mahathir also said the Federal government would spend RM11 million on a drainage system to channel dirty water from the chalets in Pantai Chenany to the sea following complaints about such water.

Commending the chalet operators for carrying their promotion campaign up to Europe, the Prime Minister reminded them of the need to ensure the cleanliness of their premises so that tourists would make return trips to the resort island.

He was also happy to note that the chalet operators had agreed to charge reasonable rates and shops on the island had increased the quality of their products and their services had also been upgraded.

Nevertheless there was room for improvement, he added.

The Government had asked Malaysia Airlines to increase its flights to Langkawi and there were now 20 flights daily to Langkawi. -- more

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+This makes the Langkawi Airport the third busiest after the ones in Kuala Lumpur and Pulau Pinang, + he said

On the Mofaz Air Flight Training School trainees' complaints that they were not getting loans from Mara, he said Mara had given scholarships to them but had stopped them.

+I have to ask MARA why they have stopped the scholarships, + he said. However Malaysia Airlines was training 200 pilots a year and he believed some of them would be sent to the Mofaz Air Flight Training School.

He said Malaysia Airlines would begin sending the first batch of 16 people to Mofaz next year.

The Prime Minister also said there would be enough accommodation on Langkawi by the time the Langkawi International Maritime and Aerospace Exhibition (LIMA) 1993 was held.

Dr Mahathir, who arrived here this morning, inspected the Mofaz Air Flight Training School, the LIMA exhibition hall, Pan tai Che. lang, the Marine and Customs jetty at Bukit Malut and the construction of shops on reclaimed land in Kuah. -- Bernama

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