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BE THANKFUL TO GOVERNMENT, PM TELLS DAP

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 8 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the DAP should be thankful to the Barisan Nasional Government for its efforts in amending the Federal Constitution and getting the consent of the Rulers even though it gave rise to controversy.

The Prime Minister said the amendments could never have been made if it had required agreement from the DAP even though the amendments were in the interest of the people.

"If the amendments had not been made it's likely that many DAP members will have become victims of the Sultan," he said when replying to Lim Guan Eng (DAP-Kota Melaka) in the Dewan Rakyat.

Lim was seeking clarification from the Prime Minister on the government's action against the Tengku Mahkota of Johor who is alleged to have raped a Malay woman.

The member sought the clarification while taking part in the debate on the Constitution (Amendment) Bill. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said he was surprised over the stance adopted by the DAP which rejected the amendments during the last session but supported them now.

The DAP supported the Bill as it had the consent of the rulers and there was no need for the party to state its positive stand on the Bill, he said.

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