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SEEK AN EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO CURB THE DADAH MENACE, SAYS MAHATHIR (P)

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MELAKA, June 23 (Bernama) -- The government is willing to bear the huge costs of implementing measures to curb the dadah menace provided that there is a more effective approach, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has said.

He said that efforts to rehabilitate and enforce laws should be carried out with more commitment, and follow-up action should be conducted immediately.

The Prime Minister said this in his message in a souvenir programme in conjunction with the 19th National Pemadam Annual General Assembly opened by Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Rahim Tamby Chik here today.

Dr Mahathir said that dadah addicts no longer carry out their activities in secrecy and the community should not allow this to go on and spread like cancer to destroy the nation.

He said that although various steps and measures had been taken, this most serious disease in society was still a threat. -- more

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Dr Mahathir said that although dadah eradication was the responsibility of the government, without the support of the community such measures would not be successful.

"Voluntary bodies, the private sector and non-governmental organisations should actively play their role in assisting the government curb the dadah menace," he said.

He said that voluntary bodies like Pemadam had for a long time been successful in assisting the government reduce the incidence of dadah addiction and such efforts should be emulated by other parties.

Rahim, in his speech, said that traditional values of the various community in the country should be perpetuated in efforts to curb the dadah menace.

He said it had been proven that dadah addiction was related to moral decay and rejection of religion and as such the people in the country should not be influenced by the Western culture which could erode their traditional values.

He added that efforts to promote noble values like courtesy and respect for the elderly could help in curbing the spread of the dadah menace. --

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