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PM TO TABLE SEVENTH MALAYSIA PLAN IN DEWAN RAKYAT IN APRIL

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 9 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight he will table the Seventh Malaysia Plan in the Dewan Rakyat at the end of April.

The prime minister said that after approval the five-year plan would be implemented as soon as possible.

"Part of it (several aspects in the plan) has already been implemented," he told reporters after attending a breaking of the fast organised by the Badminton Association of Malaysia, here.

Dr Mahathir said the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) briefed the Cabinet on the plan today.

"We also gave our views and generally we agree (with the EPU's proposals)", he said.

Dr Mahathir said the cabinet, at its special meeting today, reviewed the draft plan and felt that several additions were needed.

The meeting to discuss the plan started at 9am and lasted eight hours.

Asked whether there were any differences between the seventh plan and previous plans, he said there would be many differences.

Dr Mahathir said on Wednesday that under the seventh plan, the government would change the national strategies and development policies from those for the 1960s and 1970s.

He said that the old policies and strategies were different because at that time the national economy was agro-based whether now it was industrial-based.

Present was the prime minister's wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali. -- Bernama

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