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Mahathir-Theatre
PM WANTS MORE PATRIOTIC THEATRE

KUALA LUMPUR, July 13 (Bernama) -- More patriotic theatre should be staged to instil the spirit of love for the country and to improve the quality of such performances, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said tonight.

"It is only right to have more plays with this theme because the more we have them the better the quality will get," he told reporters after attending a play entitled "Belum Selesai" at Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka (DBP) here.

He said the theatre was an effective way to disseminate information and inculcate good values among the community.

Dr Mahathir, who praised the play directed by Zakaria Ariffin, said it reminded the people of the struggle against colonialism and the country's fight for independence.

It was a quality performance with a very relevant title, he said. The cast includes leading local actors Hani Mohsin, Haliza Misbun, Sabri Yunus, Katijah Tan and Abdul Rahim Muda (Imuda).

All those involved in staging the work were later introduced to the prime minister.

The 90-minute play will be staged again at the DBP tomorrow night before it is held at the Dewan Budaya of Universiti Sains Malaysia on Aug 5 and 6. -- BERNAMA

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