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BE SATISFIED WITH 7.7 % EPF DIVIDEND, URGES DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, March 1 (bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today EPF contributors ought to be pleased and satisfied with the 7.7 per cent dividend for last year as announced yesterday.

Even though the increase was just 0.2 per cent over that of last year, it was still considered as quite good, he said.

"Enoughlah, it is after all more than that for last year," he said after attending a Hari Raya party organised by the Sultan Abdul Hamid Old Collegians Association here. Dr Mahathir is the association's president.

He said the 7.7 per cent dividend was satisfactory when compared to other countries which had similar funds.

"All contributors should accept it ... in the past they only received two per cent compared to now...what is there to complain again," he said.

On the reported loss of new RM500 sample notes, Dr Mahathir said he left it to Bank Negara to do something about it such as restructuring its organisation so that this matter did not recur.

A newspaper today reported that 200 pieces of new RM500 sample notes were missing from Bank Negara. The report said a man had changed a RM500 bill at a commercial bank in Sungai Buloh. -- BERNAMA

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