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CERTAIN PEOPLE NOT HAPPY TO SEE COUNTRY PROSPER, SAYS PM

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 8 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said there are certain people in Malaysia who are not happy to see the country prosper and want to create a situation that will cause a split among Muslims.

The Prime Minister said Muslims in the country should be wary of these people because if there is a split among the Muslims then there will be disorder in the country and the economy will be affected.

"A strong economy is important because wealth gives strength to us while knowledge will help us to develop the country," he said at a charity dinner and concert in conjunction with a visit to the country by a delegation of Palestinian children.

Dr Mahathir expressed regret that Muslims in other countries are fighting among themselves and allowing their enemies to victimise them.

He said what is even more disheartening is that Muslims who are victimised could not be helped by other Muslim countries because they are indebted to those who are actually enemies of Muslims.

Dr Mahathir, who was the patron at tonight's function, received contributions of RM100,000 each from three major companies in the country.

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