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PM's plea to ensure peace, harmony

SRI AMAN, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today appealed to Malaysians to work closely in a peaceful and harmonious environment instead of wasting time by getting involved in demonstrations.

Dr Mahathir said the people would be able to enjoy life in a peaceful atmosphere as there would be ample job opportunities for them.

He said the people should not take democracy to mean that they had the right to do anything they like.

The country would be destroyed if people interpreted democracy to mean they had the right to act irresponsibly like take part in illegal street demonstrations.

"Think for a while. If, say, all members of the Barisan Nasional component parties, who total about five million at present, do nothing but hold demonstrations in Kuala Lumpur, Penang, Alor Star, Sarawak and Sabah, everyday because they think it is their right to do so, then our country will be finished."

He was speaking when opening the RM16 million Sekolah Menengah Teknik Betong, about 200km from here.

Dr Mahathir said democracy was good for the country as it required the Government to always be sensitive to the needs of the people.

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