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Mahathir-Unity

MAINTAIN UNITY TO FACE FUTURE CHALLENGES, SAYS DR MAHATHIR

ALOR SETAR, Feb 28 (Bernama) -- The people need to remain united in order to defend the country's independence as future challenges will be bigger, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said certain external forces would not cease from trying to bring the country under their control through the use of their economic might.

"We were able to thwart their recent attempt to destroy our economy. We must not be complacent as they will continue to try to bring us down and we might not be able to control it the next time it happened.

"But, I am sure that if we remain united we will be able to meet such challenges," he said at a get-together with residents of Kampung Hilir, Kepala Batas, near here today.

Present were his wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali and Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

Dr Mahathir said he often emphasised on unity as it was of vital importance in defending the country's independence.

He said the independence achieved has enabled the Malays to enjoy a higher standard of living.

Dr Mahathir also expressed regret that there were political parties which tried to instigate the young generation into hating the existing government.

He said these parties sowed such hatred among children so that they grow up with such feelings and that children of Umno members too had been so influenced.

"That is why we need to look after our children, to ensure they do not hate Umno. If we are disunited, it will be easy for outsiders to bring us under their control," he said.

Dr Mahathir earlier visited Kampung Lembah Arang in Wang Tepus and the project site of Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Tinggi, Kepala Batas.

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