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DON'T TAKE PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR GRANTED, SAYS MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 3 (Bernama) -- Malaysians cannot take for granted the peace and prosperity they are enjoying now, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"We have to be aware of this threat but so far the administration of the country has been good...the duties of the legislature, the judiciary and the executive are running in order for the country to achieve peace and prosperity," he said at a dinner organised by the Senators Club of Malaysia here tonight.

He said Malaysia was lucky as the majority of its people preferred a mediocre life and did not condone extrimism.

"But we have to remember this situation could be shattered just because some people are bored and want some form of change," he added.

Dr Mahathir said some people in the country would like to see a group of people making all the decisions in the running of the country, overruling the three organs of power.

"This too could happen where a group of people take over the running of a country overruling the Parliament, the judiciary and the executive," he said.

The Prime Minister told senators to be more involved in solving local problems besieging the nation to build a developed country for the future.

"In the field of education, we need volunteers to tell the people on the importance of gaining knowledge and this is where senators can play their role," he said.

He also said the Dewan Negara was established to give voice to the minority and people who did not have a chance to be elected to the Dewan Rakyat.

"We are not saying we cannot take criticism from the Dewan Negara, but give us constructive criticism which we could work on as this will assist in nation building," he said.

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