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POOR IN MALAYSIA FORTUNATE, SAYS MAHATHIR

JITRA, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister says the poor in this country are sometimes more fortunate than those better off.

"The poor always receive attention from the government with assistance pouring in," said Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

On top of that they also receive help from philanthropists, he said when speaking at a breaking of fast at the Al-Aqila mosque here tonight.

"Many donors extend assistance in the form of money, food and clothing," he said.

Help also comes from other individuals and the private sector through the setting up of funds for the poor, said Dr Mahathir.

Present were the prime minister's wife Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Prime Minister's Religious Adviser Datuk Seri Dr Abdul Hamid Othman and some 2,000 local residents.

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