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PUTRAJAYA, July 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers should monitor decisions made are implemented and not merely make decisions and give instructions to officers.

"We want the system practised by the Federal Government whereby the ministers handle their jobs hands-on.

"The ministers not only make decisions, give directives to officers but also monitor the implementation of all decisions made.

"Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers should monitor implementation of decisions made at executive committee (exco) level," he told reporters after chairing the Menteri Besar and Chief Ministers meeting, here.

He said the meeting was held to convey decisions made by the Cabinet on matters involving state governments as sometimes actions taken by state governments were contrary to that of the federal government.

"For instance, the question of too many hypermarkets surfaced recently. Sometimes, we do not allow new hypermarkets to be built in Federal Territory but we allow in Selangor," he said.

Dr Mahathir said such contradictions would create problems.

He also said state governments should not impose additional conditions for investments but instead stick to the ones approved by the federal government.

He said all quarters should work harder as Malaysia was facing stiff competition from neighbouring countries and World Trade Organisation (WTO).

"We need to upgrade our management capabilities with regard to drawing up agreements and contracts. We find that when agreements are made, the conditions are inadequate," he said.

He said if something happens that caused an agreement to be revoked and if provisions to rescind the agreement were insufficient, there would be problems to terminate the agreement.

He said today's meeting also discussed about the environment and landscaping.

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