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Mahathir-People

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JITRA, July 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today the people should be wise and not be easily influenced by opposition parties which tried to instil hatred against the government.

He said harbouring hatred without basis and rational thinking would only lead to a great loss to the people as the opposition cannot bring any progress to the nation and the masses.

"The people will lose out if they are carried away by the hate campaign perpetuated by the opposition. The people will not enjoy the fruit of development," he said when speaking at the foundation stone laying ceremony for the Kubang Pasu district administration complex, here.

The ceremony, televised live by RTM, was Dr Mahathir's first official function with the people after he announced his decision to relinquish his government and party posts in October next year.

Dr Mahathir, who is also Kubang Pasu Member of Parliament, said nobody could say that the ruling Barisan Nasional (BN) did not bring any development to the people.

"The BN brought development and provided facilities like road, water and power supply to the people in the villages. Hence, the people should be wise in electing a credible government to taste progress and development," he said.

Dr Mahathir said the government developed the country taking into account the future requirements.

"The government built the KL International Airport in Sepang after considering the future needs of the airport.

"We planned it in such a way that the airport can be used for the next 100 years," he said.

If there was no planning, problems like land would arise when a facility needs to be expanded, he said.

Dr Mahathir also thanked the people of Kubang Pasu for their continued support to him all these years.

"I started representing this constituency since 1974 and my successes in all these years were due to the support of the people here," he added.

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