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DISCARD MENTALITY OF WANTING THINGS FOR FREE, DR MAHATHIR TELLS
MALAYS

SINTOK, June 16 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has urged the Malays to discard the mentality of wanting things for free.

He said such mentality would not do them any good as they would want the government to pay for everything.

"We must have the habit, once we get something we must pay...we don't want it for free only," he said at the presentation of keys to the buyers of two traditional village housing projects in Lembah Keriang and Paya Pahlawan at here today.

Also present were his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain.

Dr Mahathir said that those who bought the houses under the traditional village project must be willing to pay because the government was not building it for welfare.

He said the houses were very cheap because the government subsidised three fourths of the cost while those who still could not afford it, they were provided with other housing schemes such as the Hardcore Poor Housing Project.

"We must remember that the government funds are limited, if we spend too many at one place, the other places will not be able to enjoy it," he said.

The traditional village housing project, a brainchild of Dr Mahathir when he was prime minister, was carried out by the federal government with the cooperation of the state government and Putrajaya Holdings Sdn Bhd.

The Lembah Keriang project covering 36ha has 191 units while the Paya Pahlawan, 161 units covering 31ha. The project is also equipped with public

facilities such as a mosque, shophouses, a post office, a police station, a multi-purpose hall, a rural clinic, a library and a kindergarten.

Each unit, comprising three rooms, is priced between RM39,919 and RM43,445.

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