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MAHATHIR CONCERNED OVER SERIOUS CRIMES BY ORDINARY PEOPLE

BATU PAHAT, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad today expressed concern at the rate of serious crimes in the country which were committed by ordinary people who seemed unable to differentiate between good and evil acts.

The former Prime Minister said the situation was alarming because it showed that fine values were being eroded.

"Hence I hope that efforts to instil good values among the society, especially among the younger generation will be stepped up," he said at the launch of the book "Salam Buat Mahathir" (Salute to Mahathir) at the Senggarang National Secondary School here.

Dr Mahathir said if this was not carried out seriously, the Malaysian culture like depising fights and rowdiness would disappear.

"The Malaysian culture does not allow too much fighting. We may not agree on certain matters but we do not indulge in rough tactics," he said.

He also said Malaysians did not forget to appreciate the contributions of leaders and individuals towards national development.

"Our efforts are sometimes praised and at other times criticised by others. But when we receive this type of acknowledgement it erases the feeling of "hurt" because of the harsh words used in the criticism," he said.

"I received much acknowledgement while I was prime minister but this one is unique because this book was written by the teachers and students of this school.

" I have read this book and the views contained in it are interesting and I am proud of them," he said.

Dr Mahathir thanked those who attended although the function was organised by "a school".

Also present was his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

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