

**Global Smart Partnership Founder Dr Mahathir Mohamed Touts Peace, Stability
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DAR ES SALAAM, July 1 (BERNAMA-NNN-DAILYNEWS) -- The founder and architect of Global Smart Partnership Dialogue, former Malaysian Prime Minister, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamed, has reminded the African continent and the world at large that development goes hand-in-hand with peace and stability.

He made the remarks on Sunday shortly before leaving the country. He was in Tanzania to attend the Smart Partnership Dialogue that kicked off in Dar Es Salaam on Friday.

Speaking to journalists, Dr Mahathir cautioned that without peace and stability no development can take place and that "No one will invest in a country where there is no peace and stability."

He said that since money was a requirement for investment and countries should create conducive environment to attract these investors. He advised people to cooperate and be willing to work so as to make the country productive.

"But, leaders must make their countries attractive to investors," he said.

Responding to a question on how Malaysia was able to transform from agriculture-based economy to industrialization, the former PM said that: "We wanted to learn how to develop, with whatever little resources that we have."

He said that the challenge is that the country has got resources in the form of raw materials, so how to utilize the resources to grow your country.

He added that: "Initially, our people were not well educated, so the government embarked on training them."

He said that the country's leadership also encouraged for intensive industries.

"But the bottom line is that our people have an income and have the stake in the stability of the country," Dr Mahathir said.

He said that the reason the Smart Partnership was formed is because people kept asking him about the miracle of the industrial transformation in Malaysia and smart partnership was the answer.

"I thought that perhaps if we gathered together the way it is done under Smart Partnership Dialogue today, we can exchange information with other countries.

"We formed this thing (Smart Dialogue) so that it becomes an opportunity to exchange information, about the experience of each country and maybe we learn about how to develop a country," he added.

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