

TRANSLATION OF STATEMENT BY THE  
SECRETARY-GENERAL OF U.M.N.O.  
MALAYSIA

A special meeting of the UMNO Executive Council was held this morning (July 12, 1969) in Kuala Lumpur to consider the action that should be taken regarding the widespread distribution of copies of correspondence between Dr. Mahathir, a member of the UMNO Executive Council, and Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, President of UMNO.

The letters contained vitally important party matters and details which in view of the present situation in the country should have been first discussed by the Executive Council of UMNO.

The meeting decided that the action of Dr. Mahathir constituted a serious breach of party discipline and regulations which unchecked would destroy the unity within the party and the Government which is supported by the party.

The UMNO Executive Council meeting, attended by all Cabinet Ministers, Menteri Besar who are members of the Executive Council and other members including Dr. Mahathir, decided that Dr. Mahathir has ceased to be a member of the Executive Council as from today.

The Tunku was not present at the special meeting.

KUALA LUMPUR,  
12th July, 1969.