

KUALA LUMPUR, Monday

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THE Government today banned all copies of a letter purported to have been written by Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamed and addressed to Tengku Abdul Rahman on June 17. Five other documents are also banned.

An order made by the Minister of Home Affairs, Tun (Dr.) Ismail, under the Internal Security Act, bans the publication, sale, distribution or possession of copies of the letter and the other

documents entitled:

TENTERA Pembela Tanah Ayer (The National Liberation Army).

ALLAH yang Maha Pengasih lagi Penyayang (Allah, the most merciful and kind).

PERJUANGAN orang yang bukan Melayu (The struggle of the non-Malays) and purported to have been written by Raja Mokhtaruddin Dain of the University of Malaya.

LETTER to the Tengku dated July 9 written by KAMABUI, Raayat Berzatu Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

The penalty

MEMORANDUM to the National Operations Council and purported to have been written by "Petamis Miskin dan Marhaen" (the poor farmer and urban dweller).

Under the Minister's order today, a person found publishing, printing, selling or distributing the six documents may be sentenced to a maximum of three year's jail or a fine of \$2,000, or both.

If anyone is found in possession of copies of the banned document without legal grounds, the sentence is a year's jail or a \$1,000 fine, or both.

Members of the public were today advised to surrender copies of the banned documents to the nearest police station, as soon as possible.

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A statement

On Saturday, the Umno executive council dropped Dr. Mahathir — the defeated parliamentary candidate for Kota Star Selatan—from the council "for a serious breach of party discipline" in making public copies of letters containing "vitally important party matters."

After a closed-door meeting of the council at the home of the Director of Operations, Tun Abdul Razak, newsmen were given a 17-line statement by the Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Inche Hamzah bin Dato Abu Samah, which stated that the council had decided that Dr. Mahathir

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ceased to be a member of the council.

The statement added that copies of the letters between Dr. Mahathir and the Tengku, president of Umno — had been given "widespread distribution."

The statement said: "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."