

KUALA LUMPUR, JUNE 28 (BERNAMA) -- UMNO MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANYBODY WILLING TO COMPLY WITH PARTY RULES, THE HEAD OF INFORMATION OF UMNO MALAYSIA, HAJI OTHMAN ABDULLAH, SAID TODAY.

HE WAS COMMENTING ON THE POSITION OF DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, A FORMER MEMBER OF THE UMNO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, IN A STATEMENT HERE TODAY.

HE ADDED THAT IF DR. MAHATHIR WISHED TO RETURN TO UMNO, HE MUST APPLY THROUGH A BRANCH OR DIRECTLY TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

HE SAID THAT THERE WAS NO POLITICAL PARTY WHICH FORBADE ITS MEMBERS FROM CRITICING ITS POLICIES AND OBJECTIVES OR ITS LEADERS.

+BUT THERE IS NO RESPONSIBLE POLITICAL PARTY WHICH WILL ALLOW ITS MEMBERS TO MAKE BLIND CRITICISMS LEADING TO A BREAK FROM THE PARTY, + HE ADDED.

+THEREFORE IN ANY POLITICAL PARTY, EVERY MEMBER WHEN GIVEN RIGHTS AND FREEDOM MUST COMPLY WITH DISCIPLINARY RULES WHETHER HE IS AN ORDINARY MEMBER OR A LEADER, + HAJI OTHMAN SAID. - BERNAMA 2019/HS