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KUALA LUMPUR, MARCH 7 (BERNAMA) -- A FORMER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER OF UMNO, DR. MAHATHIR BIN MOHAMED, WHO WAS EXPELLED IN SEPTEMBER 1969, WAS TODAY ACCEPTED BACK INTO THE PARTY.

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE, THE UMNO SECRETARY-GENERAL, ENCHE SENU ABDUL RAHMAN, DISCLOSED THAT THE DECISION TO RE-ADMIT DR. MAHATHIR AS AN ORDINARY MEMBER WAS TAKEN BY THE PARTY'S DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE.

THE COMMITTEE MEETING, CHAIRED BY THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT OF UMNO, TUN (DR) ISMAIL, WAS ATTENDED BY TAN SRI SYED NASIR ISMAIL, TAN SRI SYED JAAFAR ALBAR, ENCHE MUSA HITAM AND ENCHE SENU HIMSELF.

TODAY'S DECISION WAS MADE FOLLOWING A LETTER DATED FEB. 6 WHICH DR. MAHATHIR SENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF UMNO, TUN ABDUL RAZAK.

DR. MAHATHIR WROTE THAT HE WAS APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE PARTY AS HE STILL BELIEVED IN ITS POLICIES AND STRUGGLES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1858/A1

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THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MET ON THE ORDERS OF THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL WHICH HAD REVIEWED DR. MAHATHIR'S CASE ON FEB. 15.

ENCHE SENU SAID THAT DR. MAHATHIR HAD PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE KOTA STAR BARAT BRANCH AND PAWANG UMNO. -- BERNAMA 1903/A1