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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG 11 (BERNAMA) -- ENCIK AZIZ YASSIN HAS BEEN APPOINTED MANAGING DIRECTOR OF FOOD INDUSTRIES MALAYSIA SDN. BHD. (FIMA).

ENCIK AZIZ, WHO IS NOW THE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE PINEAPPLE CANNERY OF MALAA SDN. BHD., WILL TAKE UP HIS NEW APPOINTMENT ON AUG. 16.

THE APPOINTMENT WAS MADE BY THE FIMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE NATIONAL ACTION COUNCIL ON JUNE 13.

FIMA CHAIRMAN DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMED, WHO ANNOUNCED THE APPOINTMENT TODAY, SAID THE BOARD ALSO AGREED TO TAKE OVER ALL SUBSIDIARIES OF THE CANNERY FROM THE SAME DATE.

HE TOLD NEWSMEN HERE THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF ENCIK AZIZ WAS ONE OF THE MOVES TO RE-ORGANISE FIMA AND MAKE IT MORE EFFECTIVE.

HE SAID THAT WITH THE APPOINTMENT, ENCIK AZIZ WAS NO LONGER THE CHAIRMAN OR MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE SUBSIDIARIES OF THE PINEAPPLE CANNERY, COMPRISING MALAYSIA CAN COMPANY, FIMA NEW YORK, FIMA LONDON AND FIMA HAMBURG, THE ACTIVITIES OF WHICH HAD BEEN SUSPENDED.
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DR. MAHATHIR REFUTED REPORTS THAT ENCIK AZIZ HAD RESIGNED AS CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE CANNERY, AND THAT FIMA PLANNED TO CLOSE ITS PINEAPPLE FACTORY AT PULAU SEBATANG IN PONTIAN.

FIMA AS THE PARENT COMPANY, HE SAID, CARRIED OUT BUSINESS THROUGH ITS SUBSIDIARIES, THE PINEAPPLE CANNERY OF MALAYA SDN. BHD., CASHEW INDUSTRIES MALAYSIA SDN. BHD. AND KOTAK MALAYSIA SDN. BHD.

THE CANNERY IN TURN HAD ITS SUBSIDIARIES, INCLUDING MALAYSIA CAN COMPANY, FIMA NEW YORK AND FIMA LONDON.

DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FELT THAT ONE REASON WHY FIMA WAS NOT FUNCTIONING VERY SMOOTHLY WAS BECAUSE MOST OF ITS OFFICIALS WERE HOLDING TOO MANY POSTS IN ITS SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES. --BERNAMA MORE 1847/NM

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FOR EXAMPLE, ENCIK AZIZ, BESIDES BEING THE CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF VARIOUS SUBSIDIARIES, WAS ALSO INVOLVED WITH THE MARKET'S EFFORTS OF THE CANNERY. HE WAS ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSOLIDATED PINEAPPLE SALES LTD., REGISTERED IN SINGAPORE.

DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID FIMA PLANNED TO EXTEND THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FACTORY AT PULAU SEBATANG TO INCLUDE THE CANNING OF OTHER FRUITS BESIDES PINEAPPLE.

FIMA PLANNED CULTIVATE 5,000 ACRES OF LAND AT THE JOHORE TENGGARA SCHEME WITH RAMBUTAN, PAPAYA, DURIAN AND OTHER FRUITS.

THE FRUITS WOULD BE CANNED AND EXPORTED OR SOLD +RAW+, DR. MAHATHIR SAID.

FIMA ALSO PLANNED TO CULTIVATE PINEAPPLE ON 2,000 ACRES OF LAND TO ENSURE A CONSTANT SUPPLY OF HIGH-QUALITY PINEAPPLE.

HE STRESSED THAT FIMA WAS NOT PLANNING THE PINEAPPLE PLANTATION SO THAT IT COULD REJECT THE PRODUCE OF SMALLHOLDERS.

PRIVATE PINEAPPLE CANNING COMPANIES HAD THEIR OWN PLANTATION TO ENSURE A READY SUPPLY OF HIGH-QUALITY PINEAPPLE, HE SAID.

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