

# FIMA SHAKE-UP FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT

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**K**UALA LUMPUR, Sat. — Food Industries of Malaysia (Fima) is to be re-organised to bring about better administration of its subsidiaries, its chairman, Dr. Mahathir bin Mohamed, said today.

The re-organisation is "because our senior men have been overburdened with too many jobs," he told a Press conference.

## The chairman

For instance he said, Fima's managing director Encik Abdul Aziz Yassin, is also chairman and managing director of many subsidiaries.

Encik Aziz is chairman and managing director of Pineapple Cannery of Malaya Sdn. Berhad (PCM); Malaysian Can Company Sdn. Berhad; Cashewnut Industries Malaysia Bhd. (Cima), and Kota Malaysia Sdn. Berhad.

He is also chairman of Consolidated Pineapple Sales Ltd., a private company of pineapple canners.

Encik Aziz resigned as chairman and managing director of PCM recently.

Dr. Mahathir said: "From now Encik Aziz will only be managing



AZIZ YASSIN

director of Fima and he will look after all projects to be undertaken.

Chairmanship of the subsidiaries has been given to various board directors of Fima.

Senator Lew Sip Hon is chairman of Kotak Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.; Datuk Ahmad Nordin bin Haji Zakaria of Cima, and Datuk Abdul Aziz Ismail, of PCM.

The chairman of Malaysian Can Company will be appointed shortly. The managing directors of the subsidiaries will also be appointed later.

## Management

For the moment Fima itself will take care of the management of these companies.

Subsidiaries of PCM— Malaysian Can Company Sdn. Bhd., Fima New York, Fima Hamburg, and Fima London — will

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now come under the direct control of Fima.

Dr. Mahathir denied that PCM's second pineapple canning factory at Pulai Sabata in Johore would be closed down.

"We have no intention of closing down this factory. On the other hand, it will be expanded to enable maximum utilisation of its facilities.

## Fruit orchards

"Apart from pineapple, the factory will also can other fruits," he said.

He said Fima had been given 5,000 acres of land in the giant Johore Tenggara scheme for fruit orchards.

The Malaysian Can Company will set up another factory at Prai to supply cans to Fima as well as for general sale.

Two areas — one in Pahang and the other in Trengganu — have been planted with cashew nuts to meet the needs of Cashewnut Industries Sdn. Bhd.