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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 19 (BERNAMA) — DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, SAID TODAY THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN BY THE MALACCA UMNO DIVISIONS REGARDING THE CRISIS IN THE PARTY IN THE STATE. DATUK DR. MAHATHIR, WHO HEADS A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE MALACCA CRISIS, SAID REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UMNO DIVISIONS IN THE STATE HAD GIVEN THEIR SINCERE VIEWS WITH AN OPEN MIND. HE WAS SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN AFTER MEETING REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE KOTA MELAKA AND BATU BERENDAM UMNO DIVISIONS HERE. DATUK DR. MAHATHIR HAD BEEN HAVING MEETINGS WITH UMNO DIVISIONS FROM THE STATE FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS. HE SAID THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE MEETING SOON TO DISCUSS STEPS TO BE TAKEN TO SOLVE THE CRISIS. HE SAID THE CHIEF MINISTER OF MALACCA, HAJI ABDUL GHANI ALI, WILL BE CALLED BY THE COMMITTEE TO HEAR HIS VIEWS ON THE ISSUE. HAJI ABDUL GHANI WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS. THE CRISIS IS THE RESULT OF GRIEVANCES BY 11 MALACCA STATE ASSEMBLYMEN AGAINST HAJI ABDUL GHANI WHO WANT HIM TO RESIGN.

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