

# CRISIS

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KUALA LUMPUR, AUG. 26 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE TODAY THAT THE MALACCA POLITICAL CRISIS COULD BE SETTLED SATISFACTORILY.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND HEAD OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE FORMED TO INVESTIGATE THE CRISIS SAID THAT UMNO HAD EXPERIENCED MANY CRISIS BUT THEY WERE ALL SOLVED IN THE END.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO AN UMNO VICE PRESIDENT SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THAT WHATEVER MEANS THAT WERE USED TO RESOLVE THE CRISIS, +TIME WILL HEAL HIT.+

HE SAID THIS AFTER MALACCA CHIEF MINISTER HAJI ABDUL GHANI ALI MET HIM AT HIS OFFICE TO EXPLAIN HIS CASE.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE THREE STATE ASSEMBLYMEN WHO WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE +GROUP OF 11+ WHO WANTED HAJI ABDUL GHANI TO RESIGN.

THEY WERE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS ENCIK JOHARI YUSOF (MASJID TANAH) AND ENCIK SABARUDDIN YAAKUB (NYALAS), AND PUAN HAJJAH FATIMAH AHMAD (BUKIT RAMBAI). -- BERNAMA MORE 1540/SZ

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THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE - TENGGU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH, DATUK MUSA HITAM AND UMNO SECRETARY GENERAL DATUK SENU ABDUL RAHMAN -- ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE CHIEF MINISTER SUBMITTED A MEMORANDUM AT THE MEETING TO BE HANDED TO UMNO ACTING PRESIDENT DATUK HUSSEIN ONN.

A COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM WAS GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE FOR ITS EXAMINATION.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS WOULD DISCUSS AMONG THEMSELVES BEFORE COMPILING A REPORT FOR DATUK HUSSEIN. HE HOPED TO COMPLETE THE REPORT BEFORE NEXT FRIDAY.

ASKED WHEN DATUK HUSSEIN COULD ACHIEVE A SETTLEMENT OF THE CRISIS, HE SAID IT WAS UP TO THE UMNO ACTING PRESIDENT TO MAKE A DECISION EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER HARI RAYA PUASA, OR WHETHER TO DISCUSS THE MATTER BEFOREHAND WITH THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED THAT THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE WAS RESPONSIBLE TO UMNO AND CARRIED OUT ITS INVESTIGATION IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PARTY.

SINCE THE COMMITTEE WAS NOT APPOINTED BY THE BARISAN NASIONAL IT HAD NO MANDATE FROM THE BARISAN NASIONAL TO INCLUDE OTHER COMPONENT PARTIES IN MALACCA IN THE INVESTIGATION.

+IN THIS CASE, UMNO HAS A VITAL ROLE AND IF UMNO'S PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED, OTHER PROBLEMS WOULD CERTAINLY BE SETTLED TOO,+ HE SAID.

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT BESIDES MEETING WITH STATE UMNO DIVISIONS IN MALACCA AND SEPARATELY WITH THE GROUPS INVOLVED IN THE CRISIS, THE COMMITTEE HAD ALSO RECEIVED MANY ANONYMOUS LETTERS ON THE CRISIS.

+THE COMMITTEE KEPT AN OPEN MIND AND EVEN READ REPORTS OF THE CRISIS IN NEWSPAPERS,+ HE SAID. --BERNAMA MORE 1603/BY

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO CLARIFIED WHY ENCIK ABDUL GHAFAR BABA, THE MOST SENIOR UMNO VICE PRESIDENT, WAS NOT APPOINTED TO THE COMMITTEE.

HE SAID: +HIS APPOINTMENT WAS INAPPROPRIATE BECAUSE, BEING FROM MALACCA, HIS MEMBERSHIP MIGHT RAISE DOUBTS IN SOME PEOPLE+.

THE MEETING BETWEEN THE CHIEF MINISTER AND HIS DELEGATION WITH THE COMMITTEE LASTED MORE THAN 1-1/2 HOURS.

EARLIER, THE COMMITTEE MET EIGHT STATE ASSEMBLYMEN WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE +GROUP OF 11+. THEIR MEETING TOOK NEARLY TWO HOURS

—BERNAMA MORE 1617/RV

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IN MELAKA, THE GERAKAN POLITICAL BUREAU HEAD DR. GOH CHENG TEIK SAID TODAY HIS PARTY VIEWED THE CURRENT MELAKA POLITICAL CRISIS AS A FAMILY PROBLEM.

DR. GOH, WHO IS ALSO THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF WORKS AND UTILITIES, SAID THAT GERAKAN BELIEVED THE PROBLEM WOULD BE SOLVED.

GERAKAN BELIEVED IN THE ABILITY OF DATUK HUSSEIN ONN AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BARISAN NASIONAL TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS TO THE SATISFACTION OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, HE ADDED. —BERNAMA 1620/BY