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KUALA LUMPUR, SEPT 26 (BERNAMA) -- TAN SRI HAJI GHAZALI JAWI WILL RESIGN AS THE MENTERI BESAR OF PERAK AT THE END OF THIS MONTH AND WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR WAN MOHAMMED BIN WAN TEH.

THIS WAS ANNOUNCED BY THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER, DATUK/SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, AT A NEWS CONFERENCE HERE TODAY.

WAN MOHAMMED WOULD ASSUME THE POST ON OCT. 1, HE SAID. --
BERNAMA MORE 1548/ZCM
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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR ALSO SAID THAT THE SULTAN OF PERAK HAD CONSENTED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW MENTERI BESAR AND THE RESIGNATION OF TAN SRI HAJI GHAZALI.

THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER MET THE SULTAN TODAY AT ISTANA PERAK HERE FOR 30 MINUTES AND HANDED OVER A LETTER ON THE NEW ARRANGEMENT FROM PRIME MINISTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN.

THE SULTAN ALSO AGREED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE STATE-ASSEMBLYMAN FOR PENGKALAN BARU, ENCIK MALEK BIN AHMAD, AS AN EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR TO REPLACE ENCIK WAN MOHAMMAD.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID TAN SRI HAJI GHAZALI WOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD THE POSTS OF PERAK UMNO LIAISON CHIEF AND CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE BARISAN NASIONAL. -- BERNAMA MORE 1608/ZCM
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ASKED IF TAN SRI HAJI GHAZALI RESIGNED VOLUNTARILY OR ON THE PARTY'S URGING, HE SAID THE RESIGNATION WAS AGREED TO BY ALL CONCERNED. +

HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE ON THE MATTER.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE CHANGE WOULD END THE +POLITICAL CRISIS+ IN PERAK.

HE ALSO SAID THAT DATUK HUSSEIN HAD MADE THE DECISION BEFORE HE LEFT ON HIS VISIT TO JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. -- BERNAMA MORE 1610/ZCM

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REPLYING TO A QUESTION, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT A LONG TIME HAD BEEN TAKEN TO COME TO A DECISION BECAUSE ANY RASH ACTION WOULD HAVE BROUGHT AN UNFAVOURABLE REACTION.

A THOROUGH STUDY WAS MADE BEFORE ADOPTING ANY DECISION, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE NEW MENTERI BESAR WAS IN CANADA AND HAD NOT YET BEEN INFORMED OF HIS APPOINTMENT.

HE ALSO SAID THAT HE DID NOT MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT LAST SATURDAY AFTER MEETING EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AND STATE-ASSEMBLYMEN, THE STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE AND PARISAN NASIONAL LEADERS BECAUSE THE MATTER HAD THEN NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO THE SULTAN YET. -- BERNAMA MORE 1620/ZCM

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THE PERAK STATE SECRETARY, HAJI RADIN SOENARNO AND THE PERAK LEGAL ADVISER, SHEIKH DAUD ISMAIL, ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING

BETWEEN THE SULTAN AND DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR. -- BERNAMA