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MALACCA, OCT. 9 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD URGED UMNO MEMBERS TODAY TO STOP PICKERING AND INSTEAD ABIDE BY THE DECISION OF THE UMNO SUPREME COUNCIL ON THE MALACCA CRISIS.

THE ACTING PRIME MINISTER SAID THEY SHOULD, AT THIS TIME, BE RENEWING THEIR DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN PARTY UNITY SO THAT IT WOULD GROW FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH.

HE SAID THAT WHATEVER FEELINGS OF DISSATISFACTION SHOULD BE OVERCOME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PARTY CONSTITUTION AS WELL AS THROUGH VARIOUS BODIES AND NOT AS THEY PLEASED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO THE MALACCA UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, WAS BRIEFING MEMBERS OF THE KOTA MELAKA, JASIN, BATU BERENDAM AND ALOR GAJAH DIVISION LIAISON COMMITTEES AND UMNO YOUTH AND WANITA HERE.

HE SAID UMNO MEMBERS MUST HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN THE PARTY STRUGGLE BECAUSE SUCH AN ATTITUDE WOULD ENSURE THE PARTY'S STRENGTH.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT THE SUPREME COUNCIL, IN ARRIVING AT ITS DECISION, HAD NOT TAKEN ANY SIDES.

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IT REGARDED BOTH SIDES AS BEING WRONG AND THAT ONLY UMNO ITSELF WAS IN THE RIGHT, HE SAID.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL FELT THAT BY TAKING SIDES THE PARTY WOULD BE SPLIT AND THIS HAD TO BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS, HE ADDED.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE LIAISON COMMITTEE WOULD KEEP AN EYE ON THE ACTIONS OF EVERY UMNO STATE ASSEMBLYMAN, INCLUDING THE CHIEF MINISTER AND STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS.

IN ADDITION, THE SUPREME COUNCIL WOULD MONITOR THE RUNNING OF UMNO DIVISIONS IN THE STATE AS WELL AS SETTLE PROBLEMS BROUGHT TO IT.

THIS MEANT THAT THE SUPREME COUNCIL, INDIRECTLY, WOULD BE REGULATING AND DETERMINING POLITICAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT ACTIVITY.

HOWEVER, DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THIS SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS A SLUR ON THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AS IT WAS SOLELY DIRECTED AT IMPROVING THE PRESENT SITUATION.

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE STATE UMNO LIAISON COMMITTEE WOULD NOT TAKE ANY SIDES IN FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND ALL DECISIONS TAKEN BY IT WOULD BE FINAL.

HE GAVE AN ASSURANCE THAT THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE STATE AND DIVISION LIAISON COMMITTEES WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THE PRESENT CRISIS.

HE ALSO ASSURED THAT HE AND THE FOUR DIVISION HEADS WOULD WITHDRAW AND HAND OVER THE RUNNING OF THE STATE UMNO TO LOCAL PEOPLE ONCE THE CRISIS WAS SETTLED.

ALSO PRESENT AT THE 1-1/4- HOUR MEETING WERE DATUK ALI HAJI AHMAD (BATU BERENDAM DIVISION HEAD), DATUK HAJI OTHMAN ABDULLAH (ALOR GAJAH), DATUK HAJI MUSTAPHA JABAR (JASIN), CHIEF MINISTER HAJI GHANI ALI AND ACTING UMNO SECRETARY-GENERAL HAJI SULAIMAN PALESTIN. DATUK SRI HAJI KAMARUDDIN MOHAMED ISA (KOTA MELAKA) DID NOT ATTEND AS HE IS OVERSEAS.

THE ALOR GAJAH, JASIN AND BATU BERENDAM DIVISION COMMITTEES HELD THEIR FIRST MEETING THIS AFTERNOON WHILE THE KOTA MELAKA DIVISION HAD ITS MEETING ON OCT. 2. -- BERNAMA MORE
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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER THAT DATUK HUSSEIN ONN WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER THE KELANTAN PAS CRISIS SHOULD BE DISCUSSED BY BARISAN NASIONAL.

THE SUPREME COUNCIL, HE SAID, HAD COMPLETED A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE CRISIS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PRIME MINISTER WHEN HE RETURNED FROM OVERSEAS. -- BERNAMA
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