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KUALA LUMPUR, OCT. 15 (BERNAMA) -- DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD SAID TONIGHT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO COMMENT ON TODAY'S DEVELOPMENT IN KELANTAN WHERE DATUK MOHAMED NASIR WAS VOTED OUT AS THE MENTRI BESAR.

+WE HAVE TO STUDY THE WHOLE THING FIRST, + THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER TOLD REPORTERS HERE TONIGHT. HOWEVER, HE ADDED, A STATEMENT MIGHT BE ISSUED AFTER DATUK HUSSEIN ONN'S MEETING WITH DATUK MOHAMED TOMORROW.

ASKED TO COMMENT ON THE WALK-OUT STAGED BY THE 13 UMNO STATE ASSEMBLYMEN WHEN THE DIVISION WAS TAKEN, HE SAID: +PERHAPS THEY DID SO BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT GIVEN AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK. + -- BERNAMA MORE 2222/ZCM
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PAS PRESIDENT, DATUK HAJI MOHAMED ASRI HAJI MUDA, SAID HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE KELANTAN STATE ASSEMBLY VICTORY IN PASSING THE NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE AGAINST MENTERI BESAR DATUK HAJI MOHAMAD.

HE SAID, +THE DECISION IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF THE PARTY AND THE PEOPLE. +

HE CONGRATULATED THE PAS ASSEMBLYMEN AND ALSO THE KELANTAN PAS LIAISON COMMITTEE FOR THE SUCCESS.

DATUK ASRI ADDED THAT HE HAD NOT RECEIVED THE FULL REPORT FROM KELANTAN AS HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO JENGA WITH DATUK HUSSEIN ONN. -- BERNAMA 2230/ZCM