

KELANTAN CRISIS SUMMIT

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BATU PAHAT, Tues. — Datuk Hussein Onn will meet Datuk Haji Mohamed Asri Haji Muda tomorrow to seek ways to solve the political crisis in Kelantan, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today.

Datuk Hussein will lead top Umno and Government leaders, including Dr Mahathir and Home Affairs Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie to the meeting.

Datuk Haji Mohamed Asri said later in Kuala Lumpur he would attend the meeting together with PAS commissioner Datuk Ishak Lofti, Datuk Abu Bakar Omar, and deputy commissioners, Haji Wan Ismail, Datuk Nik Man and Haji Mohd. Zain.

Datuk Asri hoped the meeting would produce a "good solution."

Speaking to newsmen after visiting the Pesta Pembangunan here, Dr Mahathir said he had personally conveyed the message of the meeting to Datuk Asri.



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He said the decision to meet PAS leaders to seek ways to end the crisis in Kelantan came after a meeting between top Umno and Government leaders and himself last night.

Datuk Hussein, he said, would explain in detail the Barisan Nasional's formula to solve the crisis, including the reasons for it.

He said the Barisan would stand by its formula forwarded to PAS unless it could be shown a better one.

The Barisan Nasional formula was not drawn up without careful thought and assessment of the situation in Kelantan as well as the wishes of the people, he said.

However it was possible that the PAS leadership did not fully appreciate the formula. As such, the Barisan Nasional had to explain it in detail at the meeting tomorrow, he added.

Yesterday, PAS rejected the formula forwarded by Dr Mahathir, and presented a new one for consideration.

Asked if a National Operation Council-type of rule would be imposed in Kelantan, Dr Mahathir said if under circumstances where normal administration could not be carried out, some other ways would have to be found without political interference.

He added that if politics was mixed with ad-

ministration, then it would be "difficult".

On the security situation in Kelantan, Dr Mahathir said the situation was under control and there were now three times as many police personnel in the State to control the situation.

Because of the security situation, Home Affairs Minister Tan Sri Ghazali Shafie, would be included at the meeting tomorrow, he added.

The meeting will be held at the Operations Room in the Prime Minister's Office at 4 p.m.

Dr Mahathir said the essence of the crisis was between the people of Kelantan who disagreed with a certain action taken by the Government.

However, he added, there were certain quarters who tried to make the crisis look like one between PAS and Umno only.

On the question of considering the people's wishes in seeking a solution to the crisis, he said any Government which was not sensitive and which could not differentiate between the "true and false" wishes of the people, would not last long.

Dr Mahathir, who was accompanied by his wife and Johore Mentri Besar Tan Sri Haji Othman Saat, had earlier opened the Sekolah Menengah Rendah Datin Onn Jaafar at the Pesta.