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MALACCA, JAN. 26 (BERNAMA) -- DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD IS STILL NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RUNNING OF UMNO POLITICS IN MALACCA.

HE SAID THAT HE WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RUNNING OF THE COMMITTEES ADMINISTERING THE UMNO DIVISIONS IN THE STATE SINCE THE SUSPENSION OF THE DIVISIONS FOLLOWING THE CRISIS IN MALACCA.

HE SAID THE DIVISIONAL COMMITTEES WERE STILL NOT EFFICIENTLY RUN AND ALLEGATIONS HAD BEEN MADE AND DISSATISFACTION EXPRESSED CONCERNING THE GIVING OUT OF LAND IN THE STATE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO HEAD OF THE MALACCA STATE UMNO LIAISON ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, TOLD REPORTERS THIS AFTER CHAIRING A MEETING OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEE AND MEETING UMNO STATE ASSEMBLYMEN FOR NEARLY FOUR HOURS AT THE UMNO OFFICE HERE.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE HAD DIRECTED THE STATE GOVERNMENT TO FREEZE ALL ACTION CONCERNING LAND.

HE SAID THE DIRECTIVE HAD BEEN ISSUED EARLIER WHILE UMNO WAS SEEKING CLARIFICATION ABOUT THE COMPLAINTS FROM THE PEOPLE REGARDING THE PROBLEM. -- BERNAMA MORE 1903/YF

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HE ADDED THAT THE MATTER WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED LATER.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT THERE MIGHT BE SOME MISUNDERSTANDINGS WITHIN UMNO BUT SUCH MATTERS WERE NORMAL AND COULD BE SURMOUNTED.

HE ALSO SAID THAT THE BATU BERENDAM UMNO DIVISION'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE WOULD BE HEADED BY DATUK HAJI AHMAD MANAP FOR THE TIME BEING TO REPLACE THE LATE DATUK SERI ALI HAJI AHMAD, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE COMMITTEE, WHO DIED IN AN AIR CRASH LAST MONTH.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR SAID THAT HE HIMSELF WOULD ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE COMMITTEE.

ASKED ABOUT THE DATE OF THE GENERAL ELECTION, HE SAID THAT IT WAS UP TO THE PRIME MINISTER, DATUK HUSSEIN ONN, TO DECIDE ON THAT. HE HIMSELF DID NOT KNOW THE DATE.

HE SAID THAT UMNO WAS READY FOR THE ELECTION AT ANY TIME.

ON THE SUDDEN CLOSING OF AN ELECTRONICS FACTORY HERE RECENTLY WHICH AFFECTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF 100 WORKERS, THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE SMALL INDUSTRIALISTS SUCH AS THIS FACTORY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS.

THIS WAS TO AVOID ANY HARDSHIP TO THE WORKERS WHEN SUCH SMALL FACTORIES CLOSED DOWN. -- BERNAMA MORE 1909/YF

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DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO IS ALSO MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD ENSURE THAT THE STATE WOULD GET INVESTMENTS FROM LARGE AND WELL-KNOWN COMPANIES.

+WE WANT COMPANIES WHICH WILL INVEST MUCH CAPITAL AND DO NOT WANT TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY,+ HE SAID.

DATUK SERI DR MAHATHIR, WHO RECENTLY RETURNED FROM A VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, SAID THAT MANY INVESTORS IN THAT COUNTRY HAD SHOWN INTEREST IN INVESTING IN MALAYSIA.

ALSO AT THE MEETING OF THE STATE LIAISON COMMITTEE WERE THE HEAD OF THE ALOR GAJAH UMNO DIVISION'S ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, DATUK HAJI OTHMAN ABDULLAH, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF THE JASIN UMNO DIVISION, DATUK MUSTAFA JABAR AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR OF THE KOTA MELAKA UMNO DIVISION, DATUK SERI HAJI KAMARUDDIN MAT ISA.

-- BERNAMA 1012/YF