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KOTA BHARU, FEB. 12 (BERNAMA) — THE YANG DIPERTUAN AGUNG HAS LIFTED THE EMERGENCY RULE IN KELANTAN WITH EFFECT FROM TODAY, ACTING PRIME MINISTER, DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR MOHAMAD, ANNOUNCED THIS EVENING.

HE SAID HIS MAJESTY UPON THE ADVICE OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REVOKED THE EMERGENCY LAWS IN THE STATE THROUGH GOVERNMENT GAZETTE. +WITH THE REVOCATION OF THE EMERGENCY LAWS, THE MENTRI BESAR, DATUK HAJI MOHAMED NASIR, HAS BEEN RETURNED HIS RIGHTFUL POWERS, + HE ADDED.

DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR SAID FOLLOWING THE MOVE, THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT IN KELANTAN, ENCIK HASHIM AMAN, HAD RELINQUISHED HIS POST.

HOWEVER HE SAID ALTHOUGH DEMOCRATIC RULE HAD BEEN RESTORED IN KELANTAN, THE 1 A.M. TO 4 A.M. CURFEW WOULD STILL BE MAINTAINED IN THE KOTA BHARU TOWN COUNCIL AND KUBANG KRIAN LOCAL COUNCIL AREA. — BERNAMA MORE 1750/ZCM
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+WHETHER THE CURFEW WOULD BE LIFTED OR NOT IS UP TO THE MENTRI BESAR AS CHAIRMAN OF THE STATE SECURITY COUNCIL, + HE SAID.

DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR SAID WITH THE LIFTING OF THE EMERGENCY RULE, FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SEATS IN KELANTAN MIGHT BE HELD EARLIER THAN IN OTHER STATES.

HOWEVER ALL THIS WAS AGAIN LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF THE MENTRI BESAR.

DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR MADE THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT A MEETING WITH UMNO MEMBERS HERE. ALSO PRESENT WERE FINANCE MINISTER, TENGKU RAZALEIGH HAMZAH AND BARISAN NASIONAL SECRETARY-GENERAL, ENCIK GHAFAR BABA.

DATUK SRI DR. MAHATHIR SAID UMNO WAS PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH THE BERJASA PARTY LED BY DATUK MOHAMED NASIR. HE ALSO SPOKE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF BERJASA BEING ACCEPTED INTO THE BARISAN NASIONAL. — BERNAMA MORE 1810/ZCM

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+HOWEVER I CANNOT GIVE A DEFINITE STATEMENT ON THE MATTER BECAUSE THE DECISION WILL BE MADE BY THE BARISAN NASIONAL SUPREME COUNCIL. +

HE SAID GOVERNING POWERS IN KELANTAN WERE NOW VESTED WITH THE MENTRI BESAR AND THREE EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS. ALL THREE WERE FROM UMNO.

HE SAID ALL PAS EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS HAD RESIGNED AFTER EMERGENCY RULE WAS IMPOSED ON KELANTAN ON NOV. 11 LAST YEAR.

UNDER THE STATE CONSTITUTION REQUIRED THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT COMPRISE OF A MENTRI BESAR, A DEPUTY AND FOUR EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AT THE VERY LEAST.

+IT IS NOW UP TO DATUK MOHAMED NASIR TO APPOINT HIS DEPUTY AND ANOTHER EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR, + HE ADDED. —
BERNAMA MORE 1813/ZCM

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DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR WHO IS ALSO AN UMNO VICE-PRESIDENT, SAID THE DECISION TO RESCIND THE EMERGENCY RULE IN KELANTAN WAS MADE AFTER THE GOVERNMENT FOUND IT HAD ACHIEVED ITS OBJECTIVE OF BRINGING BACK PEACE AND SECURITY TO THE STATE.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CLOSELY MONITORED THE SITUATION IN KELANTAN AFTER EMERGENCY RULE WAS IMPOSED BECAUSE OF INCIDENTS RESULTING FROM THE POLITICAL CRISIS WHICH AROSE AFTER PAS EXPELLED THE MENTRI BESAR, DATUK HAJI MOHAMAD NASIR.

+AFTER STUDYING THE SITUATION CAREFULLY AND FINDING THAT EMERGENCY LAW IS NO LONGER NECESSARY IN KELANTAN AS THE SITUATION HAS RETURNED TO NORMAL, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADVISED THE YANG DIPERTUAN AGUNG TO END THE EMERGENCY RULE FROM TODAY+, HE SAID.

THIS MEANT A POPULARLY-ELECTED GOVERNMENT WAS AGAIN IN POWER IN THE STATE. HOWEVER THINGS HAD CHANGED NOW FOLLOWING THE RESIGNATION OF PAS EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS AT THE DIRECTIVE OF THE PARTY LEADERSHIP. — BERNAMA MORE 1837/ZCM

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+PAS HAS NOW LOST ITS EXECUTIVE POWERS IN THE STATE AND ONLY THE MENTRI BESAR AND THE THREE UMNO EXECUTIVE COUNCILLORS HAVE THESE POWERS,+ HE SAID.

ACCORDING TO HIM, FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD EARLIER IN KELANTAN THAN IN OTHER STATES, THE MENTRI BESAR COULD DO ONE OF TWO THINGS — RESIGN OR ADVISE THE REGENT TO DISSOLVE THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THAT WHEN PAS PASSED A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN DATUK HAJI MOHAMED NASIR SOME TIME AGO, DATUK MOHAMED WAS FACED WITH THE TWO CHOISES AND HE CHOSE TO ADVISE THE REGENT TO DISSOLVE THE STATE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

+BUT BECAUSE OF THE RESULTANT CONFUSION, THE REGENT COULD NOT ACT UPON THE ADVICE AND EMERGENCY LAW HAD TO BE DECLARED,+

— BERNAMA MORE 1847/ZCM

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DAUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR SAID THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT IN KELANTAN WAS NOT AN UMNO OR BARISAN NASIONAL GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THE MENTRI BESAR BELONGED TO NEITHER PARTY.

HE SAID: +IF WE WERE GREEDY, WE WOULD HAVE SEEN TO IT THAT THE ELECTION WAS HELD IN KELANTAN LAST OCTOBER BEFORE THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY RULE.

+THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE ALLOWED FOR THIS AND IF WE HAD DONE IT, PAS WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN KELANTAN BECAUSE NO PAS LEADER WOULD HAVE DARED TO COME OUT AND CAMPAIGN AT THAT TIME.+

HE SAID THAT THE PRIME MINISTER DID NOT RESORT TO THAT COURSE OF ACTION, ALTHOUGH IT WAS WITHIN HIS POWER, OUT OF A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN MALAY SOLIDARITY.

PAS HOWEVER TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO CAMPAIGN FROM AREA TO AREA WHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WAS BUSY TRYING TO BRING NORMALCY BACK TO THE STATE UNDER THE DIRECTOR OF GOVERNMENT, ENCIK HASHIM AMAN, WHO DID A GOOD JOB.

DATUK SERI DR. MAHATHIR STRESSED UMNO WAS NOT OPPOSED TO PAS AS A PARTY BUT UMNO WAS AGAINST LEADERS BECAUSE THEY WERE MORE CONCERNED WITH SELF-INTERESTS THAN WITH THE WELL-BEING OF THE PEOPLE.

HE SAID UMNO WAS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH ANYBODY WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH IT IN WORKING FOR MALAY SOLIDARITY AND WELL-BEING, BE THEY PAS MEMBERS OR LEADERS WHO HAD REALISED THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS BUT WERE AFRAID OF LEAVING PAS BECAUSE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OR OTHER REASONS. — BERNAMA 1922/ZCM